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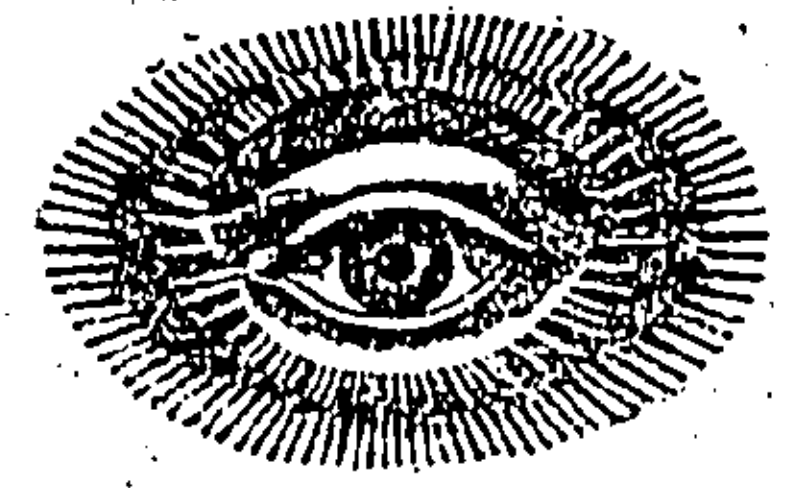
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## DECISIVE CLASH COMING?

Nanking and Hankow Both Preparing.

## TROOPS NOW ON THE MOVE.

Kiukiang Expecting Attack Shortly.

## \$60,000,000 BOND ISSUE STATEMENT.

"Useless For The Foreign Bankers To Make Protests."

Both Nanking and Hankow are moving troops on a large scale and the question of the hour is will a decisive clash result? According to yesterday's advices from Shanghai, much depends upon the attitude of Feng Yu-hsiang. Although the so-called Christian General is nominally an ally of Chiang Kai-shek, there is a growing feeling that he will throw in his lot with Hankow. Meanwhile Kiukiang is expecting to be attacked by Hankow shortly, and defensive measures are being put in hand. The only other important item in today's China news is a statement by the Nanking Government's Finance Minister regarding the \$60,000,000 treasury bond issue on the security of the salt surplus. This official says that foreign protests are all "useless."

## BEFORE THE STORM.

Hankow Troops Concentrate At Kiukiang.

Chinkiang, July 14.  
A China Merchants Steam Navigation Company ship with aircraft aboard passed up-river today, escorted by a Chinese gunboat. It is not known whether the aircraft are to be used for the war against the Northerners in Shantung or are to proceed further down river than Nanking to be used in the intended operations against the Hankow troops which have been concentrated at Kiukiang.—British Naval Wireless.

## Nanking to Attack.

Troops continue to arrive here from Hankow.  
An attack from Nanking is evidently expected shortly, as the troops have been posted at various points to the East and South of the City.

Mr. Percy Chen, son of Mr. Eugene Chen, has left Hankow.—British Naval Wireless.

## Hankow Troops Moving.

Peking, July 14.  
The Hankow troops are reported to be making their way gradually along the banks of the Yangtze River.

Troops of General Chang Fa-fu to the number of 4,000 have arrived at Kiukiang and are preparing to attack Kiangsi.

The Hankow Government has telegraphed to Tsu Pei-chang assuring him that Feng Wun-chang is not helping General Chiang Kai-shek. Wu Pei's troops in the vicinity of Nanking are reported to be quiet.

The rumour that some of Feng's troops have arrived at Hankow is stated to be false.—"Hong Kong Evening Post."

## South Holds Hsuehchow.

Peking, July 14.  
Hsuehchow remains in Southern hands, according to authoritative foreign advices, which state that the Shantung troops attempt to recapture recently was repulsed by Feng Yu-hsiang's troops, who have now reached Sinsing junction of the Kinshan-Chiatso railways, while the Fengtien troops have withdrawn from Honan into Mihil.

## A Victory For Chiang.

Shanghai, July 14.  
News has been received here that Chiang Kai-shek's forces captured Tsau Yuan on July 12. Li King-lan, who was formerly an officer in the Fengtien party, has left Tsingtao with a force with the intention of fighting against Chang Tsung-chang, Chang's Title of Dictator.

## Chang's Title of Dictator.

Peking, July 12.  
It is reported in local circles that a representative of Yen Se-han has arrived here to confer with Marshal Chang Tso-lin, with the object of asking him to drop the title of "taiyuan-shui" and to use his efforts to make peace in China.

## Wounded Japanese.

A report in the vernacular papers states that over 30 wounded Japanese soldiers have been removed to hospital at Tsingtao.

## \$60,000,000 ISSUE.

Nanking Foreign Ministers' Statement.

Shanghai, July 15.  
Mr. Y. M. Chien, Vice-Minister of Finance of the Nanking Gov-

ernment, interviewed regarding the \$60,000,000 Treasury bonds which are already being issued, said that the protests of the Chief Inspectorate of the Salt Gabelle and the foreign bankers were useless.

"The Nanking Government has abolished the Chief Inspectorate, so it is no longer recognised and does not exist."

Mr. Chien said that prior to the unification of Chinese finances the surplus from the Salt revenue was under the control of the Nanking Government, not the Peking Government.

"We are simply using the Salt surplus. Therefore foreign bankers have no reason for complaining since the loans secured thereon are properly protected."

"The Salt surplus has nothing to do with them. The Inspectorate may continue to talk and protest, but they are powerless to control our actions."—Reuter.

An emergency meeting of the Diplomatic Corps was held recently to consider the Nanking Government's new taxes, while the Powers interested discussed the proposed Nanking Government issue of \$60,000,000 in Treasury notes secured on the Salt Gabelle. A grave problem has been created by the new taxes, also that the Treasury note issue, if permitted, will seriously affect the existing loans secured on the Gabelle. There is a general feeling, however, both in foreign, official and unofficial circles, that it is useless to send Notes of protest unless the home Governments are prepared to take further action if the Notes are treated with indifference. The Salt Inspectorate notified the banks of the Republic that the contemplated flotation of \$60,000,000 in Treasury notes constitutes a flagrant violation of the reorganisation loan agreement of 1913 and cannot be recognised as a valid obligation.

## WORK AMONGST SEAMAN.

## MISSION APPEALS FOR FUNDS.

The annual appeal for funds by the Missions to Seamen is now being made.

Extracts from the annual report for 1926 have already appeared in our columns, dealing with the work of this Mission among the seafaring community.

During recent years the Mission has been called upon to meet more demands than usual, consequent upon the state of trade in the Colony, with the result that it is faced with a deficit of some \$15,000 and the work is being handicapped.

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## CHINA NAVIGATION STRIKE.

No settlement has yet taken place in the China Navigation Company dispute regarding the proposed ten per cent. reduction in wages of officers.

The officers are still ashore and members of the shore staff are on duty on board.

## FLIGHT TO HAWAII.

Young Civilian Aviator's Attempt.

## WIRELESS FORMS "PATHWAY."

Oakland, July 14.  
Ernest Smith, a young civilian aviator, has started on a flight for Honolulu.—Reuter's American Service.

Going Great.  
Smith at one o'clock this afternoon sent out a wireless "Latitude 37 North, Longitude 123.50 West, going fine; beacon great."

The "beacon" to which he referred consisted of continuous signals sent out by transmitting stations at San Francisco and Hawaii parallel to each other across the ocean and so directed as to form an unseen pathway a hundred yards wide.

Smith and Bronte, his navigator, are directing the aeroplane along this path.—Reuter's American Service.

Missing Airmen.  
St. Johns, Newfoundland, July 14.

Wreckage which, it is thought, may be that of Captain Nungesser and Coli's aeroplane "White Bird" has been found in the interior of Newfoundland by two hunters. The railway authorities are arranging for a party to visit the spot.—Reuter.

[Captain Nungesser started from Le Bourget, to fly to New York accompanied by Captain Coli, in a huge aeroplane named the "White Bird," painted white to facilitate being spotted in the event of forced descent into the sea, with a black heart near the cockpit on which a skull and cross-bones and a coffin are daubed white, "to show I am not afraid," as Captain Nungesser explained. The plane soared out of sight and has not been seen since. The wreckage of a huge plane, believed to have been that of Captain Nungesser, was sighted 200 miles east of the Massachusetts coast by Captain S. Finch of the steamer "Belleplaine." The latter reported on arrival from Rotterdam that the wing of a plane was clearly visible floating on the surface but that darkness prevented its recovery. Aeroplanes were dispatched immediately in the direction indicated by Captain Finch with instructions to search for the wreckage, but nothing was found. Captain Nungesser's mother is still convinced that her son is alive.]

## FORGED NOTE.

A HAWKER WHO HAD NO CHANGE.

A SWINDLER CAUGHT.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, a Chinese who said that he was a "boy" employed at the Seamen's Club was charged with possessing and attempting to utter a forged \$1 note.

A female cigarette hawk with a stall outside the Lai Wah Company in Des Voeux Road Central, said that after 9 o'clock on Wednesday night the accused came to her stall and bought a packet of cigarettes for ten cents. Accused tendered the \$1 note produced in Court. As the witness had no change she took the note across the street to a shop and was informed by the shopkeeper that the note was a forgery. When she told the accused this he returned the note to his pocket and handed the witness a 10-cent piece. A Chinese detective who happened to be passing at the time searched the accused and then took him into custody.

The detective said that besides the packet he had bought from the woman, the accused had two other packets of cigarettes in his pocket.

Accused's story was that the note was given to him as "cun-shaw" by a seaman on a Blue Funnel boat who has now sailed and would not return until two months hence. He bought several packets of cigarettes because members of the club were always sending him out to buy cigarettes, so he thought he had better keep a stock and thus save himself a lot of trouble.

The Magistrate convicted and passed sentence of six weeks' hard labour.

## SCOTTISH MEMORIAL.

Opened By the Prince of Wales.

## EDINBURGH CASTLE CEREMONY.

London, July 14.  
The Prince of Wales unveiled the Scottish National Memorial at Edinburgh in the presence of the King and Queen, Princess Mary, Earl Haig, Lord Methuen and a great gathering, including the Scottish nobility and celebrities.

The memorial is a hall of honour on the summit of Castle Rock, containing a shrine where a casket holds the names of the 100,000 Scotsmen and Scotswomen who fell in the war.—Reuter.

The Scottish National Memorial transforms an older edifice forming part of the castle buildings—an old, disused barracks known as "Billings Buildings," situated in the Palace Square, into the form of a Hall of Remembrance, with a Gallery of Honour and Shrine.

In the Gallery of Honour are memorial bays, beautifully carved by a staff of expert carvers under the direction of a young Edinburgh sculptor, Mr. Pilkington Jackson, and representing twelve historic Scottish regiments, in addition to the Navy and Air Force. The Gallery is floored with Ailsa Craig green granite; the roof is vaulted; and at either end of the Gallery is a memorial window—one a memorial to the Navy, showing panels of destroyers, a camouflaged convoy, a battleship, and submarines; the other, to the Air Force, depicting aeroplanes, seaplanes, airships, and kite balloons. Another window commemorates the part played by women in the war.

From the Gallery of Honour a great arch, at 30 feet high, and beautifully sculptured, leads to the Shrine, in which are set seven memorial windows in stained glass which, like those in the Gallery, are the work of Dr. Douglas Strachan, Edinburgh. One pair of windows represents "The Birth of War," and in the opposite wall are two representing "The Overthrow of War." A group of three denote "Peace and Praise."

The architect of the memorial is Sir Robert Lorimer, A.R.A., R.S.A., Edinburgh.

## MASONIC TEMPLE.

\$1,000,000 BUILDING BEGUN IN LONDON.

## FOUNDATION STONE LAID.

London, July 14.  
In the presence of 9,000 Grand Lodge representatives of English and Empire lodges, the Duke of Connaught pushed a button in the model of a crane and foundation stone erected on a stage at the Albert Hall, whence the actual foundation stone of the new grand masonic temple was electrically laid at Holborn.

The temple will cost over \$1,000,000 and will cover 2½ acres.—Reuter.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

## TYPHOON APPROACHING COAST.

The typhoon which has been announced in the locality of the China Sea during the past two days is now moving towards the China coast, and is just north of Luzon (P.I.). If it misses the southern point of Formosa and maintains direction it is likely to strike the coast in the neighbourhood of Swatow, well above Hong Kong.

Advices from the local Observatory state:—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 120 miles of Lat. 18 degree N. Long. 125 degree E., moving N.W. Pressure has increased slightly at Vladivostok. It is nearly stationary over E. China and Indo-China, and decreased slightly elsewhere.

A feeble anticyclone is central to the north of the Bonins. The depression over N.E. China is unchanged. The typhoon is between 200 and 300 miles E. of Aparri, moving N.W.

## LIGHT FRESH WINDS.

"Light, variable winds, freshening from the north-east" is the weather forecast for the next six hours.

## FRESH CRISIS.

Japanese Dockyard's Troubles.

## ECHOES AT GENEVA.

Shanghai, July 15.  
Fuller reports from Japan show that the Kawasaki Dockyard situation has produced a crisis of considerable magnitude.

Although the book assets of the company are 330,000,000 yen they are estimated at present to realise no more than 150,000,000 yen, which is estimated to be less than the company's liabilities.

The Dockyard is able to produce the biggest battleships as well as submarines, aeroplanes, ocean steamers, rolling and stock, and it also possesses separate works for making black sheets, the increased production of which would deviate, it had been hoped, the necessity of importing this material from Britain.

As orders for warships are now few and far between, the company is unable to exist on them, nor is business bright for ordinary ship-building.

Meanwhile the company's 12,000 workmen are being paid largely from the proceeds of the sales of the stock in hand.

The newspapers continue to oppose State aid and urge the directors to help the company from the private fortunes they made in the past year out of big bonuses. They also urge the stock holders to pay the unpaid portion of their shares. This internal crisis has probably had its repercussion on Japan's attitude at Geneva.—Reuter.

A Tokyo cable dated July 6 stated:—In addition to the China crisis, the Japanese Government is faced with a recurrence of internal financial trouble. While popular opinion quashed the Finance Minister's scheme for loaning the Kawasaki Dockyard Co. 30,000,000 yen from the Post Office Savings Bank deposits, it is felt that the Government's decision to let the Dockyard Co. fend for itself, though approved by the Press, is likely to bring the Tanaka Cabinet into strong disfavour with important political interests, as the Fifteenth Bank, popularly known as the "Peen's Bank" (because the depositors include most of the members of the Upper House) is heavily involved. The Dockyard Co. owes 120,000,000 yen, of which 27,000,000 yen are due to the Fifteenth Bank.

## OPIUM PLOTS.

A DIVER TO RECOVER THE PARCELS.

## INGENIOUS SMUGGLERS.

Seattle, July 14.

Officials claim to have effected one of the largest seizures of opium ever made. Four residents have been arrested for alleged smuggling of narcotics. They have been released on bail of \$25,000. Simultaneously a Chinese was arrested in San Francisco whilst claiming a consignment from Seattle.

One of the arrested is a Seattle diver who was employed to explore the bottom of Puget Sound to recover parcels of opium thrown overboard by accomplices on board Trans-Pacific liners.—Reuter's American Service.

## RUBBER INDUSTRY.

DIFFICULTY OF SUPPRESSING SMUGGLING.

London, July 14.

In the House of Commons, in answer to questions, Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary for Colonies, said that as far as could be judged, rubber smuggling was not carried out to such an extent as seriously to affect the restriction scheme. Complete elimination of smuggling was difficult, but the Malayan Government was doing its utmost to repress smuggling.—Reuter.

## TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand to-day was 1/11 15/16.

## SMALLER NAVY PROBLEMS.

No Need to Despair of Finding a Solution.

## BRITISH DELEGATE'S SPEECH.

Setting An Example To The Whole World.

Geneva, July 14.  
A plenary session of the naval conference was called by Mr. Walter Bridgeman, First Lord of the British Admiralty, who said he thought that the atmosphere of the conference had been vitiated by gross misrepresentation in the Press and elsewhere of the British case and the dissemination of the idea that there was serious ill-feeling amongst the various delegates. Mr. Bridgeman declared that the delegates had never lost respect for one another and none of them saw any reason to despair of finding a solution. A valuable measure of agreement had been reached regarding destroyers and submarines, and it was well worth while to make an agreement even if agreement on cruisers was not reached.—Reuter.

## CRUISER PROBLEM.

Britain's Need Numbers Not Size.

Rugby, July 14.

Mr. Walter Bridgeman, chief British delegate at the Geneva Naval Conference, at a plenary session this afternoon, stated a large measure of general consent had been revealed in the preliminary investigation during the last few days of the possibility of agreeing on definite building programmes mutually limiting construction.

Mr. Bridgeman said he originally asked for a plenary session because of the necessity of doing the same.



Mr. Walter Bridgeman.

each type, and mere fixation of the total tonnage or ratios is perfectly useless unless it is accompanied by individual limits in every class. "It must be remembered that the object of the conference was to prepare the way on naval matters for a general agreement on disarmament by the League of Nations, which would comprise other countries besides the three now concerned."

"Without such limits no country can know with what force it has to compete, because one country can use its tonnage for building large ships, which, if numerous, would have an aggressive character, and so impose upon others the necessity of doing the same."

## Saving Millions.

"The initial cost of each capital ship would be reduced by \$1,000,000 and of each cruiser by over \$500,000, and many thousands would be saved annually on the cost of maintenance, and the same may be said in a lesser degree of the smaller classes of ship."

Dealing specifically with cruisers, Mr. Bridgeman said that the British delegates offered to agree to the Washington ratio for capital ships being applied to cruisers carrying 8-inch guns, and had offered to refrain from laying down any new cruiser of this size until that ratio is reached, and afterwards to stop building any more of these large cruisers.

In smaller cruisers they had not disputed the claim of the United States to an equal number with the British of Japan to such a number as were necessary for her defence. But they desired to limit their size and their armament to 6-inch guns so that they may be defensive and not offensive weapons.

## British Delegates Alarmed.

In reply to this they were asked to accept a limit of the total tonnage to which they had no intrinsic objection provided they knew how other countries were going to use their tonnage.

They were, however, alarmed when at one time a figure of 25 large 10,000-ton cruisers with 8-inch guns was suggested as a possible requirement for America with a possibility of a further number of smaller cruisers with 8-inch guns.

Britain desired to fix the lowest possible tonnage compatible with security, but as numbers and not size were important for her purposes, the greater the number of large cruisers which other countries required, the more difficult it was for Britain to reach a low total tonnage. Large cruisers with 8-inch guns represent an enormous superiority over 6-inch gun cruisers in offensive strength, a superiority of at least two and a half to one.

Such a proposal therefore put Britain in a position of accepting, not parity, but definite inferiority in offensive power, unless the number of cruisers regarded as essential for the protection of Imperial communications was abandoned.

The proposal also admitted the possibility of a huge increase in the offensive strength of the fleets of the world over the strength which exists to-day. It would be a strange outcome of a conference called for limitation.

## Our Vital Trade Routes.

"It is not parity with America that is troubling us. We have not raised any objection to that. Nor are we troubled by the proportion to which Japan would be entitled. It is our own security with which we are concerned and our power in future to protect our sea."

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## MANCHURIA MINING.

CHINESE, BRITISH & AMERICAN INTERESTS.

The following article on gold mining in Manchuria is taken from the Chinese Economic Bulletin.

Aigun, Huma and Lohp are three gold mining districts in Heilungkiang province, where the following mining companies are operating, employing a total of over 3,000 miners:

Name ..... District Miners  
Feng Yuan Gold Mining Co. .... Aigun 850  
Sin An Gold Mining Co. .... 200  
Yung Ping Gold Mining Co. .... 200  
Hung Yeh Gold Mining Co. .... 30  
Teh Yuan Gold Mining Co. .... 240  
Sui Cong Gold Mining Co. .... 60  
Kwang Hsin Gold Mining Co. .... 70  
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Ching Kwang-shu ..... 250  
Yu Hsin-kuo ..... 100  
Tai Ping Gold Mining Co. .... Lohp 600

Besides the foregoing concerns, which are financed by Chinese, there are a British and a number of American interests also working in those regions. The total output of gold during the last two years is reported to have dropped from 13,925 catties to 2,785-3,340 catties.

The decreased production has compelled the mining companies to limit their working scope, while the total number of miners employed by the different companies has been reduced from 15,000 to 3,000.

The Tai Ping Company, for instance, suffered serious losses last autumn owing to scarcity of output. It is estimated that if each miner procures 0.0336 ounces of pure gold a day, the company would make a moderate profit, but if the figure drops to 0.036 ounces, the proceeds would be barely enough to cover expenses.

Hydraulic Mining. Generally speaking, the companies adopt the hydraulic mining process and use American style sluices. Occasionally, gold nuggets of notable size are obtained from the sand or in small particles. On the average, 2,785 catties of gold sand or ore yield about 0.1608 ounces of pure gold, but occasionally the figure reaches as high as 4.8 ounces of pure gold from the same quantity of ore.

The miners work about 250 days a year. They are paid either wage or contract rates. In the latter case, the foreman or contractor is responsible for the miners and also for supervising his work. The miner is required to sell all the gold he gets to the companies at the rate of 0.1072 ounces for \$3.

This rate is, of course, much lower than the current market price. At the headquarters of the mining companies, a number of armed guards are stationed for the maintenance of order and the protection of the companies' property. They are usually detachments of regular troops and collect a tax on the companies' output. In the neighbourhood of the mining camps, small market towns have sprung up to supply the needs of the miners.

Two of the more important gold mines in those regions are worth mentioning in detail. The Muerkan gold mine, which is situated at some distance west of Nungkianghsien, is operated by a Chinese company with a total yearly output of 139-167 catties of gold. The gold mine at Kilian was formerly operated by Russian capitalists but is now worked by the Kwang Hsin Co. This claim, covering an area of a dozen square li, is located about 35 li from Shihwei. The total yearly output from this region in 1926 was estimated at 222 catties, of which 139 catties went to the Kwang Hsin Company.

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SHOU J. CHEN, Manager.  
Hong Kong, 19th February, 1927.

The average total yearly output of gold from the different mines in Heilungkiang province is believed to amount to 3,340-3,584 catties, the bulk of which is produced in the mines located in the Helho circuit. This figure does not, however, include certain quantities procured by poachers or unauthorized mine workers.

Touch of Romance. There is a touch of romance in the story of gold mining in the Heilungkiang backwoods. About forty years ago, the rich gold veins at certain places in these regions were first brought to light. There was an immediate rush for the gold fields. Among the pioneer gold seekers, there were many coolies, unemployed miners, and adventurers from Siberia. Finally they all formed a sort of "republic" in the new territory. The mines held out such rich promises that there used to be a saying that gold could be obtained in lumps by simply removing the green turf from the surface of the earth. Many actually found themselves rich overnight. Both Chinese coolies and Russian adventurers greatly swelled the population of the "Republic," which at one time boasted 8,000 "citizens." The "Republic" was not amenable to Chinese jurisdiction, and the leaders or chieftains often took the law into their own hands. It is estimated that several thousand pounds of pure gold were procured by the gold seekers before the "Republic" was suppressed by Chinese authorities. At present, although the "Republic" has been wiped out of existence, groups of private gold seekers are still frequently met with in those regions. They often organize themselves into groups of 20 or 30 men each and roam about the countryside in search of gold. A class of small shacks have been opened in the neighbourhood of Helho to export gold, collected principally from this class of free-lance gold seekers.

PROBST HANBURY CO.  
BOYCOTT OF BRITISH GOODS AFFECTS TRADE.

Probst Hanbury and Co., export merchants, of London and China, have to report a loss of \$25,068 for the year 1926, as compared with a net profit of \$17,355 for the preceding year states the "Financial Times."

The loss was struck after allowing \$16,062 for depreciation of stock, trade expenses, etc., of \$33,498, and writing off \$4,958 from trade investment, premium on lease, etc. The adverse balance, together with the year's preference dividend, has been met from reserves, reducing the latter to \$1,387.

In the following table the results for the past three years are summarized:

1924  
Net profit ..... \$36,438  
Ordinary dividend ..... 12 p.c.  
To reserve ..... 22,322  
Issued capital ..... 143,000  
Mortgage ..... 49,763  
Current liabilities ..... 561,669  
General reserve ..... 6,519  
Properties, etc. .... 98,064  
Current assets ..... 636,587  
(a) Investments ..... 6,444

1925  
Net profit ..... \$17,355  
Ordinary dividend ..... b-  
To reserve ..... 6,205  
Issued capital ..... 143,000  
Mortgage ..... 54,596  
Current liabilities ..... 419,112  
General reserve ..... 28,841  
Properties, etc. .... 99,143  
Current assets ..... 491,908  
(a) Investments ..... 15,556

1926  
Net profit ..... \$25,068  
Ordinary dividend ..... b-  
To reserve ..... 6,205  
Issued capital ..... 143,000  
Mortgage ..... 54,596  
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British Boycott. The directors state that the boycott of British goods in China, referred to in the last report, has been maintained almost continuously ever since, to which has been added a general anti-foreign movement. The company's weekly piece-goods auctions have suffered several checks, while private trading has also been seriously impeded through the invasion by the Cantonese of the whole of the country south of the Yangtze. Clearances of goods, considering these adverse factors, have kept up remarkably well, being in excess of those for 1925.

The Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. announces an interim dividend of \$2 per share for the six months ended June 30 last, payable on August 4.

## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Santhin" left Singapore for this port on June 11, p.m., and is due here to-morrow, p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived Shanghai to-day at 11 a.m., and will leave that port to-morrow at 1 p.m.

The Dollar Line steamer "President Lincoln" will sail from Manila to-day, at 5 p.m., arriving in Hong Kong on Sunday. She will sail for San Francisco via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on Monday, July 18, at midnight.

The Dollar Line s.s. "President Hayes" will sail from Shanghai today, and will arrive in Hong

## KONG ON MONDAY, JULY 18. SHE

will sail for New York via Manila, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Naples, Genoa, Marseilles and Boston on Tuesday morning, July 19 at 8 o'clock.

The Dollar Line steamer "President Cleveland" from San Francisco will sail from Shanghai to-morrow, and will arrive in Hong Kong on Monday, July 18. She will sail for Manila on Tuesday, July 19, at 6 p.m.

The following vessels of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes are expected here:—"Amazon," July 19.

"Yalou," July 22.  
"Chenonceaux," August 2.  
"Athos II," August 30.  
"D'Artagnan," September 13.

REPORT FROM  
BOARD OF CONSERVANCY WORKS OF KWANGTUNG

Waterlevels in English Feet.

Highest W.L. Lowest W.L. W.L. W.L.

Place of Observation on record on record 13/7 14/7

West River at Shihing ..... +41.0' 0' +28.2' rising  
North River at Teingyue ..... +28.7' 0' +10.4' falling  
North River at Samshui ..... +27.3' 5' +18.0' falling  
East River at Shangkung ..... +15.2' 3' +8.3' +7.0

\* For the 10th.

Butcher Meat.

July 8, June, June, 1927, 1918, 1914.

Cts. Cts. Cts.

Beef Sirloin ..... 牛尾 28 24 12  
Prime Cut ..... 28 23 12  
Corned ..... 28 23 12  
Roast ..... 28 24 22  
Breast ..... 24 20 18  
Soup ..... 26 20 18  
Steak ..... 28 24 22  
Steak Sirloin ..... 40 30 35  
Sausages ..... 40 20 20  
Ballock's Brains ..... 15 10 12  
Tongue, fresh ..... 50 60 60  
Tongue, corned ..... 60 60 60  
Head ..... 120 120 120  
Heart ..... 24 13 14  
Hump, Salt ..... 34 20 19  
Feet ..... 8 10 12  
Kidneys ..... 16 19 12  
Tail ..... 28 20 22  
Liver ..... 24 18 14  
Tripe ..... 7 6 7  
Calves' Head & Feet ..... 120 120 120  
Mutton Chop ..... 48 26 12  
Leg ..... 48 26 12  
Shoulder ..... 48 24 12  
Saddle ..... 48 24 12  
Pig's Chubbings ..... 5 12 12  
Brains ..... 5 12 12  
Feet ..... 16 15 12  
Fry ..... 25 15 18  
Head ..... 17 20 12  
Heart ..... 15 10 10  
Kidneys ..... 13 10 3  
Liver ..... 48 30 24  
Pork Chop ..... 36 25 23  
Leg ..... 38 25 23  
Loins ..... 42 60 70  
Fat or Lard ..... 23 21 12  
Sheep's Head & Feet ..... 90 60 70  
Heart ..... 12 8 7  
Kidneys ..... 15 12 10  
Liver ..... 46 26 22  
Sucking Pigs, to order ..... 20 25 25  
Suet, Beef ..... 30 20 18  
Mutton ..... 50 25 23  
Veal ..... 35 20 19  
Sausages ..... 40 20 20  
No. 1. .... 32 20 12

Fish.

lb. 45 19 24

Barbel ..... 32 20 16  
Bream ..... 32 20 16  
Canton Fresh (海味) ..... 22 13 16  
Water Fish (水) ..... 36 16 27  
Carp ..... 30 12 9  
Catfish ..... 30 20 25  
Codfish ..... 26 23 28  
Crabs ..... 35 16 12  
Cuttle Fish ..... 35 23 10  
Dab ..... 45 10 9  
Dace ..... 12 10 8  
Dog Fish ..... 40 16 12  
Eels, Conger ..... 32 10 18  
Fresh Water ..... 38 26 30  
Yellow ..... 80 32 25  
Frogs ..... 60 40 30  
Garoupa ..... 25 18 15  
Gudgeon ..... 25 22 18  
Herrings ..... 35 18 23  
Halibut ..... 40 22 18  
Labrus ..... 62 22 24  
Loach ..... 50 32 21  
Lobsters ..... 13 20 23  
Mackerel ..... 30 32 23  
Monk Fish ..... 38 13 2  
Mullet ..... 40 16 22  
Oysters ..... 28 14 9  
Parrot Fish ..... 35 20 15  
Pike ..... 18 10 9  
Plaice ..... 35 26 29  
Pomfret, Black ..... 38 36 30  
Pomfret, White ..... 80 30 45  
Prawns ..... 12 10 14  
Ray ..... 40 13 18  
Rock Fish ..... 35 22 16  
Roach ..... 70 30 30  
Salmon ..... 10 8 10  
Shark ..... 10 10 10  
Shrimp ..... 65 26 35  
Snapper ..... 70 32 30  
Sole ..... 48 28 23  
Sole, Small ..... 28 22 18  
Turbot ..... 28 18 12  
Turtles, small, fr. water ..... \$1.40 40 12

## HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888, & 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

July 15 to 21, 1927.

DATE HIGH WATER LOW WATER

July Standard Times Ht. Standard Times Ht.

Fri. 15 m 8 40 7.4 m 3 19 3.4

Sat. 16 m 9 38 8.0 m 3 07 2.8

Sun. 17 m 10 23 7.9 m 3 35 0.4

Mon. 18 m 11 28 4.1 m 4 21 2.8

Tues. 19 m 1 13 4.3 m 5 19 2.9

Wed. 20 m 2 3 4.4 m 6 31 4.0

Thurs. 21 m 3 55 4.6 m 7 51 3.1

2.9m 5.5 9 7 a 2.0

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## Poultry.

July 8, June, June, 1927, 1918, 1914.

Cts. Cts. Cts.

Chicken ..... 55 80 31  
Capons, Small ..... 45 28 30  
Capons, Large ..... 50 28 30  
Duck ..... 40 22 21  
Doves ..... 22 21 21  
Eggs, Hen (cooking) ..... 36 25 20  
Eggs, Hen (fresh) ..... 36 25 20  
Fowls, Canton ..... 45 36 24  
Fowls, Hainan ..... 45 36 24  
Geese ..... 40 24 24  
Pigeons, Canton ..... 60 80 80  
Pigeons, Hainan ..... 40 23 21  
Turkeys, Cook ..... 51 45 45  
Turkeys, Hen ..... 51 45 45  
Snipe ..... 51 45 45  
Pheasant ..... 51 45 45  
Quail ..... 51 45 45  
Partridges ..... 51 45 45

Fruits.

Almonds ..... 58 35 12  
Apples (California) ..... 32 24 12  
Bananas (bride's) ..... 6 4 12  
Carambola ..... 12 12 12  
Coconuts ..... 12



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The dividend will be payable on and after MONDAY, the 8th August, 1927, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 25th July to SATURDAY, the 6th August, 1927, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

A. C. HYNES,  
Acting Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 12th July, 1927.

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVI-  
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THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 25th July, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th July to 8th August, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
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Hong Kong, 24th June, 1927.

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**PEKINGESE SHOW.**

ORIGIN OF A POPULAR  
FANCY.

The Pekin Palace Dog Association, which was founded in 1908, and is going on stronger than ever, is to celebrate its twentieth birthday with a show at Ranelagh on June 21, at which Lady Algernon Gordon Lennox, founder of the association, has consented to judge, says the "China Express and Telegraph."

Records are not very definite concerning the size of the dogs that were brought home after the occupation of the Summer Palace in 1860, but the information that has survived leaves no doubt that they were small. Lady Algernon's strain are the descendants of the pair that said, writes Mr. A. Croxton Smith, that five came to England at that time, but I think there must have been more.

The late Admiral Oliver Jones, who, as a captain, was present when the Palace was overrun, made the most definite statement, saying that a bitch and five puppies were found behind a box. Lord John Hay took the mother and one of the puppies, and Admiral Jones had another, which survived until 1872. This was black and white. Furthermore, two officers of the 99th Foot secured a dog and bitch, the latter of which had a litter soon after the regiment returned to Canton. A dog from this litter, brought to England in 1863, lived for nearly seventeen years, and one regrets that he sired but one puppy from another Summer Palace bitch belonging to Captain Claghams Henderson.

What material we had in the country for preserving the genuine blood if it had only been used more extensively! Then among my papers I find a note from the "Ladies' Kennel Journal" of 1896 saying that "The Princess of Wales is charmed with a dear little dog from China, which has just arrived at Sandringham. It was sent to her as a Pekin Pug, but I can't help thinking that must be a mistake, as it is in appearance a spaniel of Jap. type; but instead of being black-and-white it is a sort of brindle and white. It weighs barely 3½ lbs., and is a delightfully bright-natured little mite."

Distinct Races?

Anyone who is interested in tracing the beginnings of the many breeds now familiar to us may well ask if the Pekingese, Japanese and European dwarf spaniels are allied, or if they belong to distinct races? I shall be told at once that the shape of the heads is different, although bearing a superficial resemblance, but that, I think, is not of much account, as the discrepancies could easily have arisen in the course of years. Are the Pekingese indigenous to China? Is another question that might be debated. Taking for granted that they are of considerable antiquity in that country, I am not sure it follows that they were produced there. Mr. Edward C. Ash has collected a good deal of information in his great work, where we read that the Emperor, 665 A.D., gave a certain name to a Persian dog, which could not have been big, as it rode on the Emperor's horse. In 670 A.D. the Chinese presented small dogs to the Japanese.

Then, between 742 and 755 A.D. is the story of a lapdog from Samarkand. This was the little creature that saved the Emperor from defeat at chess by springing upon the board and scattering the pieces. In 618 A.D. Chinese literature has reference to some that might be of the Pekingese family. "Wang Win-tia presented a pair of dogs to the king. They were 6 in. high and one foot long.... They were named Fu-in dog, after the name of the place they came from."

**PARIS SNAKE HUNT.**

Early one morning in mail week M. Levassor, a resident in the fashionable Porte Maillot quarter of Paris, taking his morning walk, was astonished to see a large snake on the pavement rearing its head towards him. He killed the reptile with his cane and took the body to a police station.

A few minutes later an excited housemaid rushed into the same station and said that she was being chased by a serpent. A policeman who went to inquire found another snake roaming about the road, and killed it with his truncheon.

Other snakes were found and killed during the morning. Inquiries showed that the reptiles, all of which were harmless, had escaped from the house of M. Aimé Morot, an animal painter, where they were the pets of his son.

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Then he gave the handle a twist and to his joy the engine started merrily. The triumphant motorist was about to step inside when a loud voice demanded to know what "the game" was.

He then realised that he had been dealing with the car—the same make as his own—of another man. Explanations followed and the good turn was repaid in the customary way at a place "across the way."

**MORE DEWAR-ISMS.**

At the jubilee banquet of the Distillers' Company in London Lord Dewar gave some more of his pithy sayings. Among them were: Every child comes into the world endowed with liberty, opportunity, and a share of the war debt.

The real puzzle to-day is China. Never was it more necessary to handle china with care. The underdog in China at the present time appears to be the Pekingese.

Every man has his black and white side of life.

A brain worker to-day is one who tries to finance a motor-car without mortgaging his home.

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**WATER SUPPLY.**

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on July 1, 1927.—  
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam .....	421'11"	110'10"
Tytam Byewash .....	25' 5"	8' 9"
Tytam Intermediate Level .....	Level	Level
Tytam Tuk .....	27' 9"	Level
Wong Nei Chung .....	19' 7"	7' 8"
Pokfulum .....	22' 5"	91'11"

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow." A denotes "Above Overflow."] Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1926	1927
Tytam .....	115.12	389.40
Tytam Byewash .....	.57	11.19
Tytam Intermediate .....	195.90	195.90
Tytam Tuk .....	830.50	1,419.00
Wong Nei Chung .....	10.16	21.08
Pokfulum .....	19.95	44.48

Total .....

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of June:—

	1926	1927
Consumption .....	265.48	309.33
Estimated population 402,400	412.750	
per day (gallons) ..	21.2	24.4

Constant Supply in all Rides Main Districts during June 1926 and 1927.

**KOWLOON WATER WORKS  
LEVEL.**

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir .....	5'11"	Level
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir .....	17'9"	2'7"
Reception Reservoir .....		

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir .....	297.55	352.50
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir .....	88.72	90.45
Reception Reservoir .....		

Total .....

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of June.

	1926	1927
Consumption .....	72.08	97.03
Estimated population 155,620	160,560	
per day (gallons) ..	15.4	20.3

Full Supply in all districts during June, 1926 and 1927.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to June 30, 1926, 36.99; June 30, 1927, 53.45.

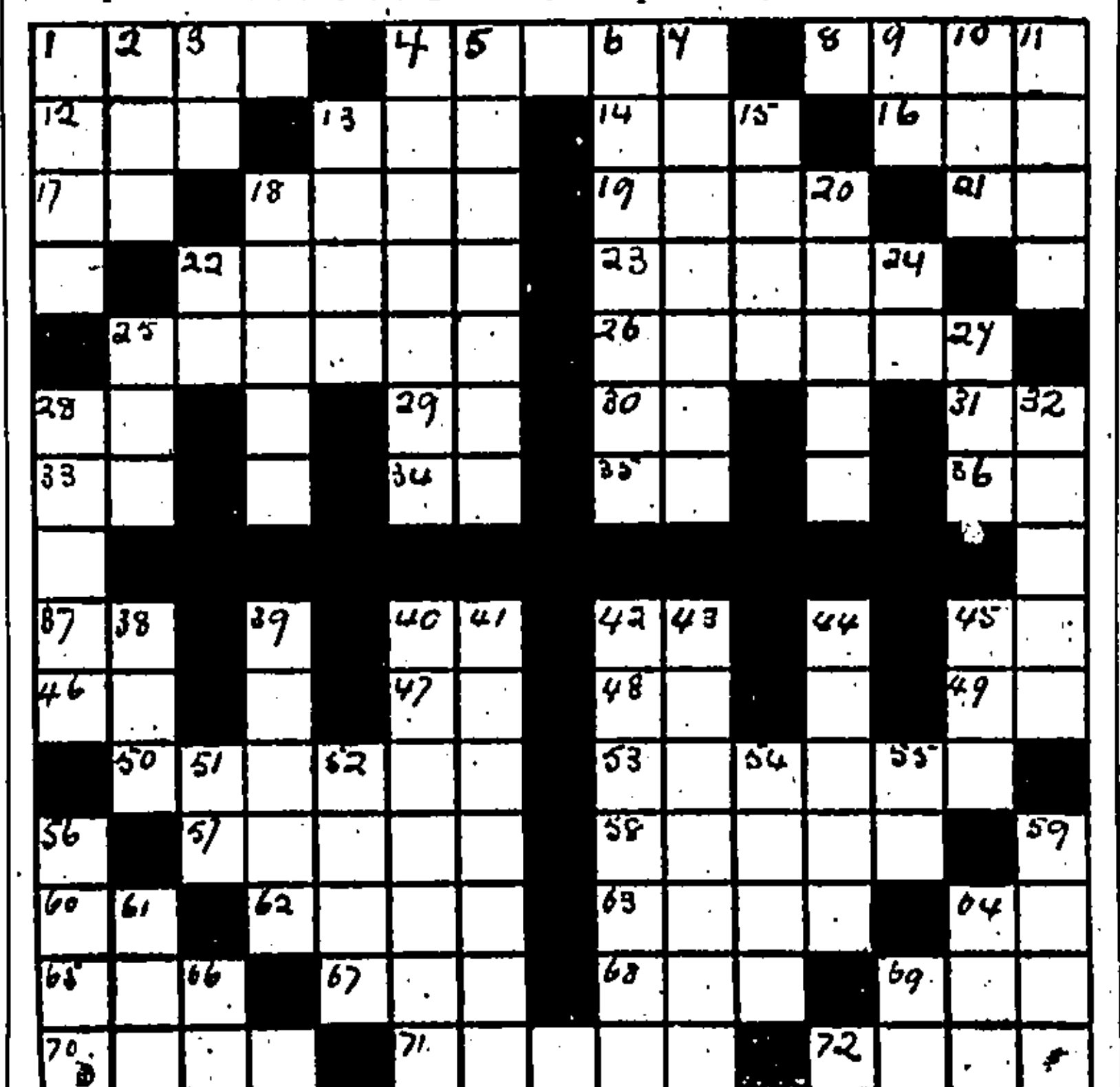
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| <p><b>Across.</b></p> <p>1 A pouch or sac, without opening which is accidentally developed in one of the natural cavities, or in the substance of the organs.</p> <p>4 Impost.</p> <p>8 Back street of a city.</p> <p>12 Limb.</p> <p>13 To proceed glibly.</p> <p>14 A command.</p> <p>16 Anglo-Saxon money of account.</p> <p>17 Chopper.</p> <p>18 Lend.</p> <p>19 A chief.</p> <p>21 Hebrew Delty.</p> <p>22 Extravagant.</p> <p>23 Hawks' nest.</p> <p>25 To cut or carve for ornament.</p> <p>26 Checks.</p> <p>28 River in Italy.</p> <p>29 Yes (Spanish).</p> <p>30 I.C. (Actual).</p> <p>31 Neuter pronoun.</p> <p>33 Printer's measure.</p> <p>34 H.D. (Actual).</p> <p>35 Compass point (Abb.)</p> <p>36 P.R. (Actual).</p> <p>37 Second note of scale.</p> <p>40 T.T. (Actual).</p> <p>42 P.P. (Actual).</p> <p>45 Before Christ (Abb.)</p> <p>46 T.L. (Actual).</p> <p>47 A.U. (Actual).</p> <p>48 A.R. (Actual).</p> <p>49 That is (Abb.)</p> <p>50 A Linnaean genus of voracious insects remarkable for their slender, grotesque form.</p> <p>53 To recriminate.</p> <p>57 Small Spanish denomination of money (pl.)</p> <p>58 On the point.</p> <p>60 Exclamation.</p> <p>62 An antelope, having the neck, body and tail of a horse, and single recurved horns.</p> <p>63 Eliter.</p> <p>64 Fourth tone of the gamut.</p> <p>65 Fortune.</p> <p>67 Grampus.</p> <p>68 An unctuous substance drawn from various animal and vegetable substances.</p> <p>69 Light breeze.</p> <p>70 Leaky.</p> <p>71 Ancient Teuton bard.</p> <p>72 A quicksand.</p> | <p><b>Down.</b></p> <p>1 To adhere.</p> <p>2 Hiccough.</p> <p>3 S.G. (Actual).</p> <p>4 To heal.</p> <p>5 A worm.</p> <p>6 An almost imperceptible swelling of the shaft of a column.</p> <p>7 Rhomb.</p> <p>9 Behold.</p> <p>10 To utilize.</p> <p>11 Barley, or other grain steeped in water till it germinates, and then dried in a kiln.</p> <p>13 A club of politicians, who, in the time of Charles I. contemplated an equal government.</p> <p>15 To venture.</p> <p>16 A genus of carnivorous digitigrade animals.</p> <p>20 Laughing.</p> <p>22 Upon.</p> <p>24 E.P. (Actual).</p> <p>25 Period of time.</p> <p>27 To extract.</p> <p>28 Brisk.</p> <p>32 Short quiet.</p> <p>33 Tree of the genus Ulmus.</p> <p>39 A man of a particular turn of mind (reversed).</p> <p>40 Practices making men's clothes.</p> <p>41 A tuft.</p> <p>42 Small sunshade.</p> <p>43 Paid beforehand.</p> <p>44 To cover.</p> <p>45 Repository of any commodity.</p> <p>51 A.R. (Actual).</p> <p>52 T.A.N.O. (Actual).</p> <p>54 A mound of earth.</p> <p>55 E.K. (Actual).</p> <p>56 To thrust out, as the tongue.</p> <p>59 To hurl.</p> <p>61 A dogfish or shark found on the British coast.</p> <p>64 Tree of the genus Abies.</p> <p>66 T.A. (Actual).</p> <p>69 Yes.</p> |
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Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.



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##### THIS MORNING'S LIST.

The following ocean-going steamers arrived during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day:—  
"Hai Hong" (1,270) British, from Foochow, Swatow, Boughs—195 passengers, 600 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.  
"Luciston" (3,174) British, from Matanzas, Jardine's—7,150 tons sugar for Hong Kong.  
"Hopsang" (1,359) British, from Canton, Jardine's—431 tons general cargo (through).  
"Raymond Poincare" (1,197) French, from Haiphong, Pakhol—1,640 tons rice and general cargo for Hong Kong, 700 tons coal (through).  
"Campina" (1,972) French, from Saigon, Optorg—2,000 tons rice for Hong Kong.  
"Tonkin" (907) French, from Haiphong, M.M.—5 passengers, 1,200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.  
"Song Bo" (720) French, from Canton, M.M.—150 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.  
"Bertram Rickmers" (2,546) German, from Hamburg, Manila, Sander Weller & Co.—767 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,000 tons general (through).  
"Helios" (1,112) Norwegian, from Bangkok, Swatow, Thoresen & Co.—1 passenger, 968 tons rice for Hong Kong.  
"Norvik" (1,770) Norwegian, from Swatow, Foo Nam S.S. Co.—731 passengers, 1,000 tons general cargo (through).  
"Lushan Maru" (1,507) Japanese, from Shanghai, Swatow—N.Y.K.—146 passengers.  
"Fook Hong" (1,219) Chinese, from Hongkong, Hoihow, Sun Fat Co.—400 tons coal and 100 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,400 tons coal (through).  
Departures:—  
For Saigon:—Yuen Teng, Prominent, Manila Maru.  
For Manila:—West O'Boya.  
For Shanghai:—Tjikembang.  
For San Francisco:—Dewey.  
For Canton:—Tonjer.  
For Autau:—Tak Hing.  
For Kwong Chow Wan:—Wing Wo.  
For Takao:—Amazone Maru.  
For Hoilo:—City of Chester.  
For Keelung:—Kinsan Maru.  
For Chefoo:—Chip Shing.  
For Amoy:—Ho Sang.  
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For Amoy:—Tara.  
For Shanghai:—Yuen Sang.  
For Manila:—Taiping.  
For Bangkok:—Kalsuragisan Maru.  
For Canton:—Tai Tak.  
Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals	Departures	Port
British	3	3	35
Japanese	2	3	6
Norwegian	2	2	6
Chinese	2	3	14
Dutch	0	1	3
French	4	0	4
German	1	0	1
American	0	2	0
Panama	0	0	1
Portuguese	0	0	4
	14	14	74

SAIGON STILL CHOLERA INFECTED.  
With reference to the notification published on Wednesday last regarding the withdrawal of the cholera ban on Saigon, this applies only to Canton. No notification to this effect has been issued in Hong Kong.

### WARSHIPS IN PORT.

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AMAZON MARU ..... Saturday, 16th July.  
CELEBES MARU ..... Sunday, 24th July.  
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NYANZA	7,023	3rd Aug.	Straits & Bombay
KASHGAR	9,095	6th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
RAWALPINDI	16,619	20th Aug.	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	3rd Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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## SHIP INSURANCE.

SIR N. HILL ON WAR TIME RISKS.

## OFFICIAL VIEWS.

The outstanding impression created by the perusal of "War Insurance" is that Sir Norman Hill has given of his best in his masterly contribution to the subject under the heading which prefaces this article. The book is one of the series dealing with the economic and social history of the world war, and is issued under the auspices of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the publishers being Humphrey Milford, London, and the price of the volume 10s. 6d.

In addition to the section already mentioned, the book is a study of the war time life insurance, national health insurance and friendly societies and unemployment insurance during the war and after are also treated by authoritative pens. The shipping industry, however, is mainly concerned with Sir Norman Hill's able essay, which, in our opinion, will always possess historical importance to those interested in the story of how reasonable cover was provided during the long period when floating properties were ceaselessly hunted down and destroyed wherever possible by a relentless enemy. One point which emerges and which appeals to us very strongly is that private enterprise manifested greater prevision in the matter of providing indemnity against marine war risk than did the State.

Shipowners had long realised that a serious outbreak of hostilities might in certain circumstances drive every British ship to harbour and so cut off the flow of imports indispensable to the nation. It was recognised also that shipowners of themselves could not ensure their merchant fleets keeping the seas, the magnitude of such a task being one which obviously lay within the province of Government, and it was not until the middle of Sunday preceding the fatal Wednesday when war was declared that the official scheme was promulgated.

## The Admiralty's Views.

The Admiralty had long held decided views concerning the question, realising that in the event of a struggle with a big maritime Power concentration of naval force was essential, and hence it would be impossible to disperse its units to the extent of affording protection to all our wide-funged trading vessels. The general public, too, had a glimmering of the problems which might have to be faced, and the subject had been widely discussed for many years.

The various suggestions which were put forward we may summarise as falling under two divisions, according as they advocated national indemnity or national insurance against maritime war risks. In the former case only actual losses would have to be made good, while it was evident that under an insurance scheme the premiums charged might exceed those losses. Upon this phase of the evolution of the plan which was ultimately adopted Sir Norman Hill is very illuminating. He points out that though proposals were discussed and canvassed by underwriters, merchants and bankers—and some of the shipowners' associations that worked, year after year, to bring them into a practicable form, "these being the only trading associations in this country who consistently devote their attention to the conditions under which our overseas trade is carried."

## "Shipowners' Schemes."

The merchant and manufacturer concern themselves with the cost of freight and insurance, while the underwriter takes the risk, provided the aggregate premiums will cover the losses and, of course, leave a margin. The result was that the proposals came to be regarded as merely shipowners' schemes and as such were looked upon as suspicious. A way was made in 1903, when a Royal Commission on Supply of Food and Raw Material in Time of War was appointed. The investigation was very thorough and the report intelligently visualized the economic conditions which obtained during the war.

In 1907 a Treasury Committee was appointed, when the proposals for insurance and indemnity were again examined, but they were "unable to recommend the adoption of any form of National Guarantee against the war risks of shipping and maritime trade except that which is provided by the maintenance of a powerful Navy. Some of the evidence produced before this Committee is very interesting because it shows, to our thinking, the faulty viewpoint which many people have regarding the national nature of the work carried out by the British shipping industry. For example, it was argued that the system was useless because the payment by the State of the value of the ship or cargo lost would do nothing towards maintaining our supplies; while another witness had the effrontery to argue that to give shipowners the certainty of being compensated if their ships were captured meant that they might be tempted to pursue the policy of the pursuit of captors for the ship and of the consequent indemnity.

## "The Unknown Expense."

With regard to the contention that the system was unnecessary, it was maintained that the underwriting market had in the past been willing to assume war risks on reasonable terms, and they might be relied upon to do so in case of a future emergency. The Treasury Committee, too, were afraid of the

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unknown expense which might be incurred and the possibilities of fraud, another and very serious reflection upon the bona fides of those engaged in shipping.

Sir Norman remarks trenchantly that it was because the losses could not be estimated that the scheme was undesirable. "If the State, with all its resources, shrink from the unknown, how could it expect the shipowner, the merchant, the banker and the underwriter to regard the war risks as a mere matter of business at other than famine prices."

## Bitter Experience.

Shipowners had been taught by bitter experience that although they might have been paying war risk premiums voyage after voyage, the moment there was any serious ground for anticipating an outbreak of war the rates advanced and the market contracted. It was to remedy this that they generally organised themselves on the line that had been adopted by the North of England Protecting and Indemnity Association in 1899, and associations were formed in 1912, in both London and Liverpool, in which, together with the North of England Association, there was included by 1914 nearly three-quarters of the British steamship tonnage employed in our overseas trade.

These associations insured ships on the mutual principle against war perils, both when two foreign nations were concerned or when Great Britain was one of the belligerents. Necessarily, such a scheme was limited in regard to the scope of its operations by financial restrictions. Thus, when Great Britain was at war the cover was confined to vessels actually at sea or in an enemy port when hostilities were declared, and only lasted until such times as they reached a British or neutral port. Ships not at sea and in a safe port were only held insured while they remained there.

## Necessity of State Co-operation.

The London and Liverpool Associations, formed in 1912, were responsible for the next step, for they urged the vital necessity of State co-operation if shipping was to be encouraged to pursue its activities in war-time, with the result that a sub-committee of the Committee of Imperial Defence was appointed in May, 1913, and their report was issued in the following April. Even then there was delay, but the shipowners' associations stuck to their guns, and on Aug. 14 were able to issue the historic circular announcing that the intention of the scheme and the object of the Government in reinsuring war risk to the extent of 80 per cent was to maintain the overseas trade of the country. Members were advised to act prudently as common partners, to minimise calls, but to recognise the duty of keeping their ships going wherever it was reasonably possible. How splendidly the scheme worked and how premiums dropped until the "sink at sight" policy of the enemy was developed is well told by Sir Norman. At the same time, however, it is terrible to think what might have happened to the country had it not been for the wise foresight of the shipowners and the excellence of their organization.—"Syren."

## HARBOUR OFFENCES.

Fines amounting to \$45 were collected in the Marine Court this morning when six boat masters were charged on Water Police summonses with infringing harbour regulations. Three pleaded guilty to having no lights and three to lying inshore less than 100 yards from the low water mark between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. The former were fined \$10 each and the latter \$5 each.

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Port of Belfast statistics show that 257 vessels arrived at Belfast between January 11 and 15 as follows:—Coastwise and cross-channel, 228; foreign, 22; non-trading, 7. The total tonnage of vessels which arrived from January 1 to 15 was:—Coastwise and cross-channel, 77,544, a decrease of 10,139 compared with the corresponding period last year; foreign 33,332, an increase of 10,213; non-trading 7,209, an increase of 7,097; total 118,085, a net increase of 7,171.

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Aug. 24	Seattle	Boregaria	Sept. 21	Cbrg-Shmpin Sept. 27
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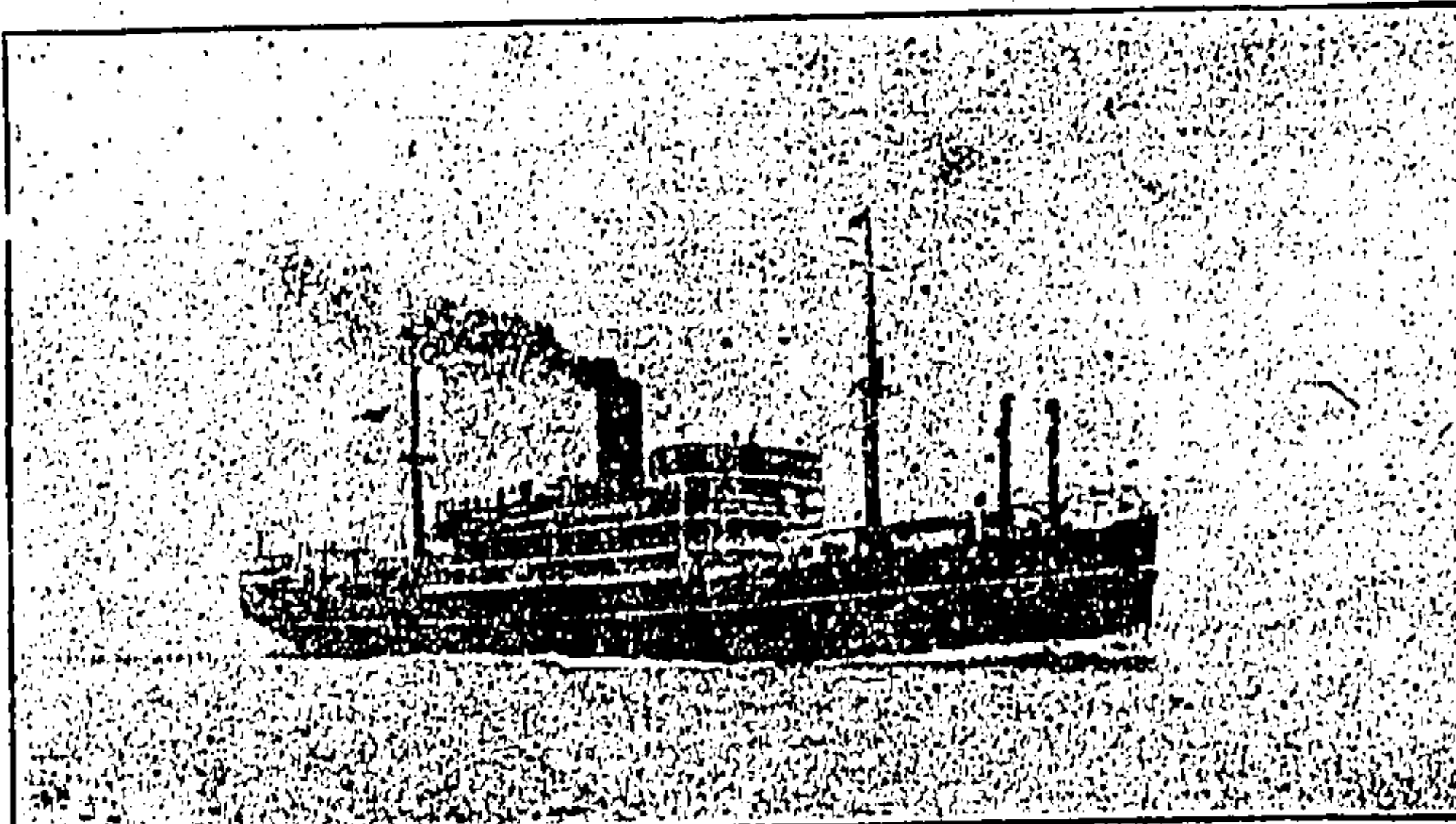
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A "NEW" PHASE IN CHINA.

According to a Reuter cable  
from Shanghai, the Chinese  
civil war appears to be entering  
yet another phase. There are  
now prospects of a clash be-  
tween Hankow and Nanking,  
and much is said to depend on  
the attitude of Marshal Feng  
Yu-hsiang. At the moment his  
attitude seems to be uncertain,  
but well-informed circles are  
sceptical of the sincerity of his  
recent alliance with General  
Chiang Kai-shek and there are  
said to be increasing indica-  
tions that he will be more likely  
to assist Hankow. There is  
nothing new in this. The so-  
called Christian General has  
turned traitor before—the price  
of his treachery at Peking is  
said to have run into millions—  
and we have no doubt he will  
turn traitor again. With a man  
of Feng Yu-hsiang's kidney it  
would not be going too far to  
suspect him of having made a  
secret understanding with Han-  
kow before giving the Judas  
Kiss to Chiang Kai-shek. Such  
is the state of China to-day  
that one accepts this as being  
more than likely. Nor is Feng  
Yu-hsiang the only warlord who  
invites suspicion. Whatever  
they may profess to the con-  
trary, all the generals without  
exception have shown them-  
selves ready to employ the  
basest intrigue to further their  
ends. The difference is only one  
of degree. Of course they are  
all descending to such practices

solely in the interests of peace,  
freedom and prosperity. We  
know that. But we also know  
that it is impossible to touch pitch  
without being defiled. Thus we  
are presented with a stage full  
of men who are prepared to em-  
ploy almost any method to gain  
an immediate advantage. What  
hope is there for the nation with  
such "saviours" as these? What  
chance is there that any of the  
civil wars at present distract-

ing the country will come to an  
early end when intrigue holds  
the future in a hopeless maze?

Such regroupings as the "new  
phase" reported from Shanghai  
have been taking place for more  
years than it is pleasant to re-  
member, and there is no reason  
why they should not go on taking  
place for as long again while  
creatures like Feng Yu-hsiang  
remain among the country's  
"leaders." There are only two  
avenues of hope for China. One  
is the assistance of the Powers  
to put the country on its feet,  
and the other is the growth of  
a responsible public opinion  
which will sweep the warring  
generals from the stage. The  
reader can judge for himself  
which would be the speedier  
remedy.

The Great Leader.

The supreme quality of leader-  
ship—what is it? As a rule not  
even its essentials are definable  
until a leader has appeared and  
departed, until we are in a posi-  
tion, retrospectively, to go over  
his work and say that this and  
that in his make-up was respon-  
sible for the great things he did.  
And then, sometimes, we are  
entirely wrong. Now Sir  
Francis Younghusband, one of  
the most famous of British tra-  
vellers, has given us a definition  
of that supreme quality. It  
must, he says, have in it a touch  
of something beyond common  
sense and steadiness of charac-  
ter—something which will con-  
sist of these things up to a cer-  
tain point and then fling them  
to the winds, and greatly dare  
without them. He is of the  
opinion that we are capable of  
bringing forth greater men than  
those who have gone before.  
Besides backbone and besides  
brains, he considers, we want  
spirit. And besides the wooden  
virtues, over and above common  
sense and steadiness, beyond  
cleverness and even wisdom, we  
want all that is implied in  
flexibility, mobility, fluidity,  
originality, we want dash and  
daring, initiative, fire and  
imagination. All these quali-  
ties are mere components of that

supreme quality of leadership  
according to the explorer, who  
thinks we may give an excessive  
attention to solidity and not  
sufficiently appreciate the above  
virtues. He goes so far as to  
agree that the sound, solid men  
are good enough as supports,  
but does not regard them as  
moving spirits; though this great  
leader, when he appears amongst  
us, will be blessed with these  
more earthly and everyday good  
points. If Sir Francis had stop-  
ped there maybe, in the fulness  
of time, his leader-of-leaders  
would have appeared in the flesh.  
He also wants, however, this per-  
son to be a "true spiritual  
genius—one who will embody and  
express the genius of the whole  
great world out of which we  
were born and in which we live  
and move and have our being,  
reveal to us its most hidden  
beauties, and fill us with ever-  
lasting joy and gladness." The  
gallant traveller's ideals are as  
high as the peaks he has con-  
quered, and his leader, we fear,  
is not likely to be found amongst  
men.

### WOMAN'S FRAUD.

ATTEMPT TO "FLY THE WHITE  
PIGEON."

An elderly Chinese couple fig-  
ured in an interesting case before Mr.  
R. E. Lindell yesterday afternoon.  
The parties lived in the same house  
in Shaokwan, and the man was  
charged with the larceny of \$100  
from the woman's cubicle during  
her absence from the house.

The defendant, who was repre-  
sented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, alleged  
that the woman had married him  
and then attempted to "fly the white  
pigeon." Of the money which the  
defendant admitted he had taken,  
\$30 represented "marriage" money  
which he had paid to the woman  
when the marriage was arranged.  
Another \$15 he had handed to the  
woman, as his wife, to pay the rent.  
Afterwards he heard that the  
complainant did not pay the rent,  
and he also heard rumours that she  
did not intend to live with him as  
his wife, she having married him  
merely to get the \$80, so the de-  
fendant took back his money.

The woman denied that she had  
married the defendant saying she  
was "too old to think of getting  
married again." The money was  
entrusted to her for safe keeping  
by a salt fish dealer. This man  
corroborated her evidence while  
another woman who said she had  
not heard of the marriage of the  
parties, said that she was in the  
house when the defendant stole the  
money from the complainant's  
cubicle.

Defendant produced witnesses  
who were present at the wedding  
feast, and also said that the "bar-  
gain" money which he had given  
to the complainant bore his "chop"  
for good luck. The notes in Court  
were examined and were found to  
bear the defendant's "chop."

Mr. Lindell was satisfied by the  
defendant's explanation and  
discharged him.

Addressing the woman, his Wor-  
ship said she had conspired with  
others to cheat the defendant of  
\$100. Therefore he would make an  
order for all the money to be hand-  
ed back to the defendant. "You  
shall not touch a penny of it."

### ASSAULT CHARGE.

FOUR SIKH WATCHMEN IN  
TROUBLE.

A quarrel between six Sikh  
watchmen in Queen's Road Central  
yesterday, according to a police re-  
port, resulted in four of them as-  
saulting the other two with stout  
sticks. The two men assaulted,  
it is said, were both severely beaten  
and had to be taken to hospital.  
One man was badly injured in the  
back of the head and was uncon-  
scious for five hours at the hospital.  
The four assailants have been ar-  
rested by the police on a charge of  
causing grievous bodily harm.

### FRENCH POLITICS.

Paris, July 14.

The parliamentary session closed  
after the new governmental vic-  
tory. Both Chambers accepted the  
figures proposed by M. Poincare re-  
garding the increase of salaries of  
state employees.

Pitting the general interest of  
the country against the demand  
for an exaggerated increase M.  
Poincare in the Chamber demolished  
all possibility of a political  
crisis. After a speech recalling the  
absolute necessity of fully balanced  
budgets, if the financial restora-  
tion of France were not to be  
interrupted, M. Poincare asked  
for a vote of confidence which he  
got by a majority of 356 to 171.

Despite repeated demands from  
the Socialists M. Poincare refused  
to listen to suggestions to give the  
increase retroactive force from 1  
August 1926. He refused also to  
consider the suggestion that the  
surplus of the 1926 and 1927 bud-  
gets should be devoted to that pur-  
pose because it would be culpable  
imprudence to distribute budget  
surpluses in advance.—Havas.

At Evensong (St. John's Cathed-  
ral, 6 p.m.) on Sunday, the band  
of the Queen's Royal Regiment will  
play for twenty minutes before and  
during the service.

A Chinese barber was yesterday  
removed to the Government Civil  
Hospital suffering from cuts re-  
ceived as the result of falling down  
the dark staircase of a house in  
Elgin Street.

### ELECTRIC CURRENT.

HEARING OF A LARCENY  
CHARGE.

At the Kowloon Magistracy  
yesterday afternoon, Mr. W.  
Schofield reserved his decision in  
the case in which a partner of  
the Chun Kwong Restaurant of  
Woosung Street, Yaumati, was  
charged by the China Light and  
Power Company with the larceny  
of electricity by tampering with  
meters on the premises.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong, prose-  
cuted in behalf of the Company,  
while Mr. G. R. Hayward de-  
fended.

Mr. Armstrong contended,  
after evidence had been heard,  
that contrary to the previous  
arguments of the defence, it was  
not necessary for him to prove  
*mens rea* against the defendant  
in a statutory offence. Having  
applied for the meter, Mr.  
Armstrong argued, the defend-  
ant was responsible.

Authorities were quoted in sup-  
port of Mr. Armstrong's conten-  
tion.

Mr. Hayward's argument was  
that the prosecution had entire-  
ly failed to prove their case.  
There was no evidence of tam-  
pering with the meters, and cer-  
tainly not a particle of evidence  
against the defendant. It was  
absolutely necessary for the pro-  
secution to prove *mens rea* and  
they had failed to do this. It  
was ridiculous, Mr. Hayward  
submitted, to make one partner  
pay for the offence committed  
by another partner.

Mr. Hayward also referred to  
authorities, after which Mr.  
Schofield reserved his decision.

### HEAT WAVE.

DEATHS IN NEW YORK AND  
PHILADELPHIA.

New York, July 14.  
It was the hottest day of the year  
yesterday with the thermometer  
reaching a hundred in the shade  
here and other cities on the Eastern  
seaboard. Seven people died of  
the heat in New York and eight in  
Philadelphia. Deaths are also re-  
ported in Boston and elsewhere.

In New York business houses  
closed down in the afternoon to  
enable their employees to try to  
get cool in the open spaces. Fire-  
men rigged up showerbaths for  
the children in the congested  
tenement districts.

Hundreds of thousands of people  
flocked to the neighbouring  
beaches while some took coverings  
with the idea of spending the night  
on the sands.

A terrific thunderstorm in Boston  
broke the heat but caused much  
damage, lightning striking several  
houses.—Reuter's American Ser-  
vice.

### PASSENGER LISTS.

DEPARTURE.

Passengers left Hong Kong by  
s.s. "Taiping" on July 15 for Aus-  
tralian ports via Manila, were:—

Mr. E. L. Heymansson, Miss E.  
Rickerby, Mr. A. F. Rittatig, Mrs.  
J. Mc D. Howie, Mrs. Neel Smith,  
Mr. M. Manuk, Mr. J. G. O'Connor,  
Mr. and Mrs. Scobie, Miss M. Duffy,  
Miss L. Karis, Mrs. Adams, Miss E.  
Adair, Mr. T. Immscher, Mr. C. D.  
Robertson, Mr. Brodie, Mr. and  
Mrs. A. Linder, Mr. G. Linder,  
Mr. and Mrs. Walker, the Misses  
Jean and Joan Walker, Mr. W.  
Walker, Miss Joan Penhall, Mr.  
C. Woodland, Mr. and Mrs. Penhall,  
Miss R. Penhall, Mr. and Mrs.  
Begley, Miss A. Begley, Mr. and  
Mrs. H. H. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs.  
Woodland, Miss B. Woodland, Mr.  
W. M. Mason, Mr. W. R. and  
Mr. R. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Lowe,  
Mr. R. Lowe, Miss J. M.  
Dean, Miss M. Church, Miss  
M. Lewis, Miss Dallas, Mr.  
Wing Hung, Mr. Sue Duc, Mr.  
Louey Shoon, Mr. Wong Yum, Mr.  
Cheung Kam, Mr. Leslie Lee, Mr.  
J. P. Chong, Mrs. Edna Lucy Goon  
and Willma Jay, Miss Verna  
Meryle, Mr. Oye Quin, Mr. Man On,  
Mr. Lee Foy, Mrs. Wong Chan  
Shue, Mr. Wong Lau-on, Mr. Lum  
Lee-bow, Mr. Willie Ah Lum, Mr.  
Yaw Choy, Mr. Yee Fong, Mr. Chan  
Hong, Mr. Chun Foon, Mr. George  
Kum, Mr. Chun Tsz-ming, Mr. Yip  
Sha-ming, Mr. Chow Gem, Mr. Ah  
Wee, Mr. Fong Yick-chong, Mr.  
Fong Shun-kwo, Mr. Fong Tew,  
Mr. Low Hong, Mr. Ah Tune, Mr.  
Ken Owe.

### Y.M.C.A.

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lowing contributions (List No. 3)  
to the Naval and Military Fund:—

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The Hong Kong Electric Co. 500.00  
The Asiatic Petroleum Co.  
(S. China) Ltd. .... 500.00  
Staff, Naval Dockyard (2nd  
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Anonymous Britisher ..... 1000.00  
Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax,  
C.M.G. .... 10.00  
Mr. T. Mcgarry ..... 5.00  
Mr. T. W. Ainsworth ..... 10.00  
Mr. V. Goulbourn (3rd con-  
tribution) ..... 10.00  
Mr. W. Russell ..... 10.00  
Mr. W. O. Lambert ..... 5.00  
Mr. G. Swan ..... 10.00  
Mr. V. Goulbourn (4th contri-  
bution) ..... 10.00

### P'RAPS—P'RAPS NOT!

Be it ever so homely, there's no  
face like one's own!  
—"N. Y. State Lion."

Son: What is a taxidermist?  
Father: He skins animals.  
Son: Well, what is a taxi-  
driver?  
Father: He skins humans.

Mike says: A pessimist is a  
man who buries the hatchet of  
enmity but carefully oils it to  
keep it from getting rusty, and  
also keeps a spade to dig it up.  
—"Cincinnati Enquirer."

Helen—"It took Jack twenty-  
five lessons to teach me to  
swim."  
Sybil—"The cad! He taught  
me in six!"  
—"Mink."

"Do you believe in the survival  
of the fittest?"  
"I don't believe in the sur-  
vival of anybody. I am an  
undertaker."  
—"Boston Transcript."

A Rugby footballer was talk-  
ing: "Rugby football," he said,  
proudly, "is the roughest game  
in the world!"  
"With one exception," timidly  
suggested a mild-looking man.  
"What's that?" asked the foot-  
baller, sharply.  
"Marriage!" answered the  
meek man.

Man (at a Midland court): "I  
was spooning."  
Solicitor: "What do you mean  
by that?"  
"You are married. You ought  
to know."

Roman Officer (referring to a  
batch of prisoners): Picts and  
Scots, eh? How do you know  
which is which?

Roman Orderly: "It is difficult,  
sir, but our system is to throw  
a few denarii among them. The  
Picts never get any."

The teacher one day noticed a  
boy munching in his class. "You  
know Tommy," she said, sternly,  
"that you must not eat during  
lessons. Now, as a punishment,  
you can stand here in front of  
the class and eat every scrap."

The boy did as he was told,  
and all the time there was a  
curious grin on his face.

The teacher misunderstood the  
grin until a small voice piped out  
from the back of the class:  
"Please, teacher. It's not his  
lunch he was eating; it was  
mine!"

"Your 'usband is always turn-  
ing paper down the yard, Mrs.  
'Arris."  
"Yes," e's got a job delivering  
circulars!"

Extract from a new novel:—  
"He is not her!" he cried.  
"Neither is she he—what the  
 Dickens...."

That confusing Eton crop  
again.

Mother: "Why did you slap  
that little boy?"  
Betty: "Well, I think I'm grow-  
ing too old to kick 'em."

First Perfect Lady: How does  
your 'usband like 'is new job in  
the brewery?

Second Perfect Lady: I don't  
know; 'e 'asn't been able to tell  
me yet.

Passenger: What is the mat-  
ter, guard?  
Guard (tired of answering  
similar questions): The new  
signalman in the box up there  
has got red hair, and they can't  
get the engine past him.

Boy (reading): And she sailed  
down the river.  
Teacher: Why are ships called  
"she"?

Boy: Because they need men  
to manage them!

Mother: I hope you didn't ask  
for too much cake at the party?  
Willie: Oh, I didn't have to  
ask. The cake stand was just  
in front of me.

A very henpecked-looking man,  
with his head covered in band-  
ages, limped into the local news-  
paper editor's office.

"Do you ever read your paper  
after it has been printed?" he  
asked.

"Why, yes," replied the editor.  
"Well, I am the man who wrote  
the ode to the village belle, and  
the line "I love you better than  
my life" was printed "I love you  
better than my wife." Look at  
me now!"

He: What time should I come.  
She: Oh, come after supper.  
He: Of course, that's exactly  
what I'm coming after.



## THE VOLUNTEERS.

## DISMISSALS GAZETTED OF FINED MEN.

## ORDERS OF THE WEEK.

The following orders have been issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., administrative Commandant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

## Recruits Parades.

Reference Corps Order No. 1 of last week all recruits except those of the Portuguese Co., who have not passed Musketry Tests Nos. 1 to 4 will parade for Musketry Instruction at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19.

Dress: mufli. For details of Portuguese recruits see Order below.

## Casuals Part I.

The Peak range is allotted to the Artillery and Armoured Car Companies for firing of casuals in Part I. Table T, on Sunday, July 17.

Range Officers: Capt. W. Brackenridge, M.C., and 2/Lieut. T. A. Martin.

The Peak range is allotted to the Mounted Infantry and Scottish Companies for firing of casuals in Part I. Table T, on Sunday, July 24.

Range Officers: Lieut. K. S. Morrison and 2/Lieut. H. C. Macnamara.

Dress for the above parades: Uniform optional, but pouches, belt, breeches and frog must be worn.

Rifles and bayonets will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday and Saturday.

## Allotment of Ranges.

The Miniature range and Kennedy Road range are allotted to Units during next week as follows:

Armoured Car Company, both ranges: Monday.

Infantry Company, both ranges: Tuesday.

Artillery and Engineer Companies, both ranges: Wednesday.

Scottish Company and No. 4 Platoon, both ranges: Thursday.

Portuguese Company, both ranges: Friday.

## Engineer Co.

The Engineer Company—all Sections will parade at Kennedy Road Range with rifles, at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20, in order to fire item No. 4 of standard test.

Test cards are now being issued by C.S.M. T. W. Carr.

Spoon shoot on miniature range on Wednesday, July 27, at 5.30 p.m.

Mounted Infantry.

All ranks will parade at stables on Thursday, July 21, at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: mufli.

In future members will only ride their own ponies on parades.

## Armoured Car Co.

Monday, July 18.—Parade at 5.30 p.m. for passing of standard tests. All those who have passed on miniature range to draw their own rifles and be ready to proceed to Kennedy Road at 5.30 p.m. These parades apply to all ranks of all Sections.

Thursday, July 21.—N.C.O.'s only for gun and drill instruction at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: mufli.

Part I. Musketry: Sunday, July 17.—Peak Range, 9 a.m. All members who have not yet fired Part I must take this final opportunity of completing one of the essential parades for efficiency.

Motor Cycle Section will parade at Corps Headquarters on Monday, July 18, at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction under 2/Lieut. J. E. Hancock.

## Infantry Co.

On Fridays, July 22 and 23, at 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O.'s and other ranks as detailed by O.C. Company will parade at Corps Headquarters for a special N.C.O.'s Course of Training in Vickers gun.

## Scottish Co.

Special machine gun class as already detailed in previous orders will assemble at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19.

Kennedy Road Range and the miniature range are allotted to the above Company every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Musketry Part I. Last opportunity of firing the above is on Sunday, July 24, at 9 a.m. on the Peak range.

## No. 4 Platoon.

All ranks will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, July 18 and Thursday, July 21, for musketry instruction. Dress: mufli.

## Portuguese Co.

Friday, July 15, at 5.30 p.m. All recruits who have not passed tests 1 to 4, parade at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters.

Trained men who have failed Part I. are requested to parade on Friday for further musketry instruction.

## Rifles and Bayonets.

Those members of the Corps now in possession of rifles and bayonets must return them to Volunteer store immediately for inspection by the armorer.

## Strength.

The following is taken on the strength and posted to the Armoured Car Company (Motor Cycle Section), as from July 11, 1927:

No. 1262 Pte. J. Kinders.

## Exemption.

No. 458 C.S.M. R. H. G. Charles, Mounted Infantry Company, is granted six months' exemption from Military duties, from July 6, 1927, to January 5, 1928.

## Resignation.

No. 606 Pte. A. Macfarlane, No. 7 Platoon is permitted to resign from the Corps and is struck off the strength, as from June 30, 1927.

## Fined and Dismissed.

The under-mentioned members have been fined and dismissed from the Corps, as from July 15, 1927, for failure to complete requirements of efficiency during the 1926-1927 training season under the Volunteer Ordinance No. 2 of 1920, Part III, Section 16A:

Engineer Company: No. 816 Spr. R. S. Paterson, No. 765 Spr. A. L. Quarrell, No. 472 Spr. H. H. Rose.

Mounted Infantry Company: No. 985 Pte. D. S. Hill, No. 989 Pte. H. M. Pinget, No. 781 Pte. J. R. Jenkins.

Armoured Car Company: No. 941 Pte. H. C. Hunt, No. 846 Pte. R. W. Jenkinson, No. 802 Pte. C. E. L. Grist, No. 1015 Pte. W. Jenner, No. 1030 Pte. R. Y. Frost.

No. 1 Platoon: No. 810 Pte. W. M. Cox.

No. 2 Platoon: No. 768 Pte. F. C. Clemon, No. 771 Pte. R. A. Cooper.

No. 5 Platoon: No. 620 Pte. J. Gardner.

No. 6 Platoon: No. 901 Pte. G. R. Murray.

## NOTICE.

## Scottish Co.

A meeting of the Company will be held in the Lecture Room at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday, July 21, at 5.30 p.m. to discuss various matters in connection with the activities of the Company. All members are requested to attend.

## Portuguese Co. Meeting.

A meeting of the Portuguese Company will be held at the Club Lusitano on Wednesday, July 20, at 5.30 p.m. All members of the Company are requested to attend.

## "EAST LYNNE."

## AN OLD FAVOURITE AT THE "WORLD."

Ranking as one of the most popular plays of the English and American stage over a period of half a century, "East Lynne," which was adapted to the screen by William Fox, has been secured for the World Theatre and is the principal feature there to-day and to-morrow.

The story is a powerful one and the acting of Alma Rubens in the part of Lady Isabel is superb, particularly in the "deathbed scene" where the heroine departs from a life which has offered her nothing but woes and hardships beyond endurance.

Edmund Lowe has the other leading role in "East Lynne," while the supporting cast includes Lou Tellegen, Frank Keenan, Marjorie Daw, Lydia Knott, Belle Bennett, Leslie Fenton, Martha Mattox, Harry Seymour, Virginia Marshall and Richard Headrick.

A shopkeeper of No. 10, Peak Look Lane has reported to the police that his accountant absconded yesterday with \$120 belonging to the shop.

Yesterday a foki of the Kwong Cheng Hing ship yard, Cheungsham, was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital as the result of being bitten by a dog. The animal was taken to Matakok for observation.



## MOTHER'S HELP AND THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND.

When father brings home Baby's Own Tablets there are no misgivings on mother's part or fears and tears on the part of the children, because medicine-taking and medicine-taking become but pleasant pastime in the home where they are used.

Mothers who once adopt these Tablets in the family never afterward resort to the harsh nauseating oils and powders that gripe and torture the little ones, nor to the so-called "soothing" preparations that so often contain poisonous opiates.

## Baby's Own Tablets

are guaranteed absolutely pure and harmless even to the youngest or most delicate infant. Their action is thorough but gentle. They quickly reduce fever, correct indigestion, cure colic, prevent constipation, check diarrhoea, relieve croup and colds, expel worms, allay teething pains almost as if by magic, quiet the nerves and bring calm, health-promoting sleep in a perfectly natural way.

Your chemist sells Baby's Own Tablets, or post free, 60 cents the dozen, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60, Kiangse Road, Shanghai.

## JESTING AT DEATH.

## HEROES WHO FLAUNTED FATE.

## MYSTERIOUS CURSES UNHEEDED.

In grim defiance of death and disaster, Captain Nungesser, the great French air pilot, decorated his Atlantic seaplane with a black skull and cross bones, and a white coffin painted on the side. Warned that he was courting ill-luck, Captain Nungesser merely laughed. "My skull and cross-bones was my lucky emblem during the war," he said. "It will stand me in good stead now."

A jest or a gibe at fate, a gallant, contemptuous defiance of superstition and warning, a reckless unconcern at their gamble with death—that is how many of the world's greatest heroes set forth on their great adventures (says the "Sunday Chronicle").

With Viking courage they dare the gamut of perils while the world watches with bated breath. Often they go out of their way to flaunt fate with a quixotic but gallant defiance like that of Captain Nungesser.

Things no ordinary man would dare to do without crossing his fingers and uttering a fervent prayer to avert the forces of evil leave them cold. They scoff at superstition, laugh at forebodings of disaster, and go out to meet success or doom with a smile on their lips and high courage in their hearts.

## Grim Mascot.

There have always been men and women courageous and cool-headed enough to risk ill-luck and disaster by deliberately flaunting superstition.

Captain von Richthofen, the great German ace, who was credited with over 80 victories in the air, always flew in a machine painted crimson and carried as a mascot a bullet which had been extracted from a British airman whom he had shot down and killed.

Once he was warned by a fashionable fortune-teller to avoid the thirteenth of the month. It was his unlucky day, he was told.

But von Richthofen mocked at superstition, and though when the 13th of the next month came he was suffering from the after-effects of influenza he insisted upon going up to show his defiance of the warnings. That day he added four British airmen to his list.

## Once Too Often.

Time after time he defied fate with impunity. He seemed to bear a charmed life that neither bullet nor anti-aircraft shell could put an end to.

When British machines were over the German lines in force spoiling for a scrap, von Richthofen would never disappoint them. No matter how overwhelming were the forces against him he would always tempt Providence by offering battle.

But he flew in the teeth of fate once too often, and a crimson aeroplane crashing to earth out of control ended his daring and adventurous career as a buccaner of the air.

In a running fight with a number of British machines his plane was suddenly seen to stagger and drop like a stone. At that moment he was being fired at by anti-aircraft batteries, the pursuing British machines, and the rifles and Lewis guns of the infantry.

The crimson Fokker was torn to pieces by the impact with the earth, but Richthofen remained in his seat—dead.

## Black Magic.

Of all the stories of the mystic East, with its black magic and strange curses on those who handle things which are taboo none is more strangely sinister than Lord Carnarvon's defiance of warnings that to meddle with Tutankhamen's tomb meant disaster and his ultimate doom.

When he went out to the Valley of the Tombs of the Kings in connection with the Luxor excavations he was told of the ancient belief in a hand of vengeance which guards the resting-places of Egypt's mighty dead. He smiled.

Nothing would turn him from his researches. Warned that he was interfering with unknown malignant forces he scoffed at superstition and went steadfastly ahead with his work. Soon the marvellous tomb of Tutankhamen lay open to his gaze. But the way to it proved a pathway to the grave in more senses than one.

After the tomb had been sealed up for the season, the Earl developed blood poisoning, attributed to a mosquito bite in the face. He died soon afterwards.

All Egypt saw in the tragedy of his death the mysterious vengeance of the Pharaohs, and the potency of the age-old curse laid by the kings upon whoever should disturb their sleep.

When the body of Tutankhamen was revealed to those who entered the tomb a mark was found on his face. The mark left by the fatal mosquito bite on the face of Lord Carnarvon was in exactly the same position.

Though the tragedy which the unlucky Hope diamond brings upon its possessors is well-known there has never been any lack of people willing to risk adding their names to the long line of its victims.

Throughout its chequered history the blue bauble has brought in its train death, disgrace, divorce, bankruptcy, bigamy, shame, suicide,

## TRAGIC SCENES.

## WOMEN CROSS THE Gobi DESERT.

## MANY ADVENTURES.

Three British women, following for part of the distance the track by which Marco Polo over six centuries ago entered China, have (says a writer in the London "Morning Post") recently travelled from their work in China, across the Gobi Desert and Turkestan to Southern Siberia, on their way home to England for furlough.

"It was not the anti-foreign feeling in China—which had even penetrated, though without any untoward results to us, to the province of Kansu—which made us choose this route," Miss Mildred Cable told me in London, as with her companions, Miss Frances and Miss Eva French, they talked to me of their work in China for the China Inland Mission and of their journey home.

"We wished to speak and to distribute literature in the untouched country between Suchoa, at the Eastern end of the Great Wall, where we were living, and Siberia. Even travelling with our three mule carts and two Chinese servants about thirty miles a day, it took us four months to get to Omsk."

The first part of the journey was over what is called the Black Gobi desert, part arid stretches of black pebbles, part volcanic country, part steppes, with oases varying from towns covering an area of 15 miles, down to two houses and a well, where the guardians of the latter can only be persuaded to stop by receiving a subsidy from the Chinese Government.

## A Terrified Governor.

The most tragic sights in some of the towns and villages on the edge of China these women report, are many utterly destitute Russian emigrants.

The fact that some of them have had to join their Chinese beggars, and that their women are to be found among Chinese "subsidary" labourers, has been a potent factor in lowering the prestige of the West in Chinese eyes.

"We are held up by the military on the borders of Turkestan for the Governor will not allow anyone to pass without his personal permission. Here we were imprisoned a thousand Chinese soldiers. They and their beasts and ourselves all had to water from one well."

"The Governor is terrified that travellers are agents for the Bolsheviks and General Feng, between whom he is the only obstacle. He has already ordered his 'fowery casket,' for he says that will be his only home should either party gain entrance to his territory."

Soviet Search.

Through Turkestan their route lay at an altitude of 6,000 ft. The sight of three women belonging to a race never met with before provoked the greatest interest, but also the utmost friendliness. "Every Central Asian people seemed to be represented there," said Miss Cable and all their languages.

Arrived on the Soviet frontier the officials made the travellers leave behind every scrap of literature and all letters, but were otherwise friendly. The three women stayed with the dwellers in tents for some time, and then made their way to Lake Zaisan, a great inland sea, and down the Irish River.

"We were again held up for some time at the town of Semipalatinsk. Here the younger generation of the tent dwellers are living the life of the most modern young folk of the West. They gave us the latest news of the British coal strike, discussed the pros and cons of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's leadership and told us that they had contributed to the miners' relief fund. They had the latest news, though evidently it had been carefully selected before reaching them by wireless."

Eventually through the good offices of a Jewish gentleman, who spoke perfect English, and admitted that he had, under instruction, been spying on them for some time, they were sent forward to the nearest point of the Trans-Siberian Railway, which they travelled to Moscow, in company with the Metropolitan of the Russian "Living Church."

Long-distance flights are of great value; they stimulate progress and test reliability.—Sir Samuel Hoare.

sorrow, fatality, murder, and misery.

Murder, madness, suicide, and other misfortunes have pursued its owners from the fateful day when a famous Belgian traveller, M. Tavernier, sold it to Louis the Fourteenth.

Shot Dead on Stage.

Mme. d. Maubenton, dwelling identically in the sunshine of her Royal master's love and boasting that no woman could supplant her in his affections, first wore it. From that moment her power began to wane.

Years later the diamond came into the possession of M. Jacques Colot, who, after selling it to Prince Kanitovski, a Russian, went raging mad and shot himself.

Prince Kanitovski lent the jewel to a beautiful actress named Lorena Ladue, who was then performing amid a shower of idolatry at the Folies Bergeres, and the first night it sparkled on her neck the Prince, from a box, shot her dead.

So the story goes on. Every generation finds somebody courageous enough to flaunt the curse. But always the tragic ill-luck persists.

## NEW SCHOOL.

## NO DISCIPLINE OF BOYS BY BOYS.

## SUNDAY BOWLER HATS.

A new public school, Bryanston, is to be opened shortly. The property, acquired, Bryanston Estate, the property of Lord Portman, lies close to the market town of Blandford, Dorset. It includes 400 acres of land and a long stretch of the river Stour. So the new school will start with splendid opportunities for football, cricket, rowing and swimming.

The mansion is a fine building worthy of its surroundings. Completed in 1897, it is regarded as "admirably suited for a school." There is a main oak-panelled corridor, 100 yards long and the three largest rooms can each accommodate 200 to 300 people.

A "provisional prospectus" has recently been drawn up by a committee including the Bishop of Liverpool, the headmaster of Christ's Hospital, the Master of Trinity College Cambridge, and the Earl of Shaftesbury.

The prospectus states that the scheme has been launched in the first place "to meet the difficulty felt both in this country and in the Dominions of gaining admission to our public schools." Special provision will therefore be made for applications throughout the Empire.

"The school itself will seek to evolve on independent lines and to develop a curriculum closely in sympathy with the needs and aspirations of modern life."

One result is that a number of new departures from custom will be made, it is hoped. For instance:—

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Entertainments.

July 15—Queen's Theatre; "So This is Paris."

July 15—World Theatre; "East Lynne."

July 15—Star Theatre, Kowloon; Matinees "The Sensation Seekers"; 9.15 p.m. Wilbur Players in "Her Unborn Child."

July 15—Tea Dance Cafe Restaurant Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

July 15—Isako's Circus, New Reclamation Ground, Wanchai, 9.15 p.m.

July 15—Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.'s "Cheer O" Concert, 7 p.m.

July 16—Grand Concert at City Hall 6.30 p.m. for the Services.

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Meetings.

July 20—Meeting of Portuguese Co. of the H.K.D.C. at Club Lusitano, 5.30 p.m.

July 21—Meeting of Scottish Co. of the H.K.D.C. at Corps Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

July 15—St. Peter's Church Y.M.C.A.'s whist drive, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.

July 17—Band of Queen's Royal Regt. plays at Eversong, St. John's Cathedral, 6 p.m.

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Hong Kong, 14th July, 1927.

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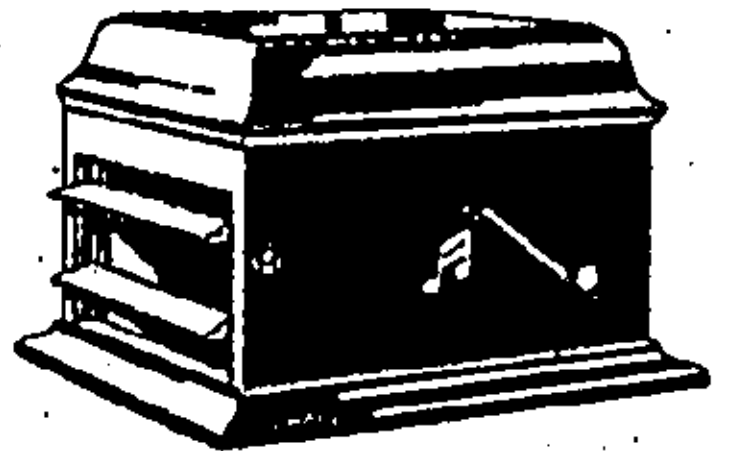
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## A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

What is going to happen to Hankow and what is going to happen to Peking?

These are the two questions mostly discussed in China to-day. Chiang Kai-shek's threat to attack the former and oust the Communists has not yet materialised, though there are many indications that such a move is imminent. Feng Yu-hsiang is persevering in his march upon the Fengtien forces, with Peking and Tientsin as his objective, and has crossed the Yellow River. His menace to Chang Tso-lin and the capital appears more ominous than Chiang's now long-promised extermination of the Bolsheviks in Hankow and other Yangtse ports.

Never was the political-cum-military situation in this sorely-tried country at a more interesting stage. Developments that have led up to this position are fully set out in this week's "Overland Mail."

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In regard to Hong Kong news, there is the full report of the "Leung Kwong" inquiry, carrying with it a severe condemnation of this Colony's regulations in respect to safety measures employed on ships engaged in passenger business between here and river ports; there are full details of the strike amongst employees of the China Navigation Company, resulting in the laying up of a large number of coastal vessels, and there is all the local, social, sporting and commercial news, intelligently arranged for the reader who desires to know what has happened over the whole week. The "Overland" is the ideal weekly paper to send Home.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

One case of enteric fever, Chinese, was notified in the Victoria District yesterday.

The "Daily Telegraph" states that several financial firms have been unable to find in London any bank that is willing to discount Soviet bills. On the other hand, Sir Henry Deterding said that if France, Britain and Germany would agree upon a boycott of Russian petroleum and oils it would have a great moral effect upon the Soviets, whose oil industry, especially at Baku, is completely disorganised.

In spite of the rigid law which forbids cock fighting, it is no secret that there are through-out the North—and, indeed, in some parts of the South of England—meetings at which mains are fought before quite a large number of spectators. Recently twelve men were brought before the magistrate on a charge of unlawful assembly, and in the background of the Court were the captured birds in sacks. Magistrate: Have you anything to say? First defendant: Will your Worship examine the birds? Interlude while the birds are produced on the Bench. On careful examination these were all proved to be hens. Collapse of the police case.

The other day at a congress of butchers it was declared that the small car had seriously diminished the demand for joints, as so many small householders no longer stayed at home for Sunday dinners but went off picnicking instead, but at the Baptist Union Assembly the Rev. F. C. Spurr said it was the Sunday dinner that stood in the way of fuller church attendance. Both theories can scarcely be right (says the "Evening Standard.") Mr. Spurr suggested "the use of the electric or gas cooker" as a means of recovering the morning service, but gas and electricity do not make dinners by themselves, neither does coal-fire cooking require the attendance of the entire family. There is something rather appalling in the idea of the religious life depending on gas installations.

There has been a battle between two Upland ganders for the supremacy of the Long Water in Kensington Gardens (says a writer in the London "Evening News.") The contestants were old "Solomon," the patriarch of the flock, and a young gander. Their method of combat is inter-



Archduke Albrecht, of Hungary, one of the sons of the former Kaiserin Zita, who is a likely candidate for king of that country. Another son, Otto, who is older, is also a candidate.

sive, and would not appeal to many of our present-day boxers. With their sharp, strong beaks they pinioned each other by the neck, and then with blows of their powerful wings they endeavoured to beat the life out of each other. At intervals they ceased from this and each tried to force his opponent's head under water for drowning purposes. After some three or four minutes a rowboat came up and parted the combatants. While the battle was in progress the other ganders and the brown geese swam round and round watching the progress of the fight.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The death occurred at West Ham after only a few days' illness, of Mr. Harry Iggliden, a director of the West Ham Football Club. He had been associated with the club for nearly twenty years.

Einar Hanson, the Swedish stage and film star, has died in hospital at Santa Monica, California, as the result of a motor smash. Hanson, who went to the United States two years ago, had starred with Pola Negri.

Baron Edmond de Rothschild who has already done great service to scientific research in France by creating the Rothschild Foundation, has made another gift of 30,000,000 francs (£242,000) to the Foundation, for the purpose of endowing an institute for physical and chemical research as supplied to biology.

The Governor of Macao has telegraphed to the Governor of Hong Kong offering condolences and indicating the profound regret with which Macao heard of the aviation tragedy involving the death of Lieut. Phillips. His Excellency the Governor of Hong Kong has replied thanking the people of Macao on behalf of those of Hong Kong for their sympathetic message.

Dr. W. R. Inge, misnamed "the Gloomy Dean," who was sixty-seven in mail week, may be counted a lucky man in so far that he has found the one position in the Church which seems best calculated to give his peculiar gifts full play. At Eton he was a shy and timid boy, who gave no promise of the brilliant career which followed at Cambridge, and when he returned to his old school as a master he could hardly be termed a success. When he tried parochial work he still failed to make an impression, and abandoned the experiment after a couple of years. Slowly he made his way as a writer and lecturer, and was appointed Lady Margaret Professor in Divinity in 1907, but it was not until he became Dean of St. Paul's in 1911 that the richness of his scholarship, his powerful and original mind, and his gift for witty and epigrammatic expression of his very decided opinions, became known to and appreciated by the public.

Mr. M. Manuk, Miss E. Rickerby and Mr. C. D. Robertson left the Colony this morning by the "Taiping" for Australia via Manila.

Among English residents in the Far East who are on their way back to Britain is Mr. O'Malley, wife of our Chargé d'Affaires in Peking, who is returning with her three children.



Countess Maria Cristina Bozzi, of Rome, whose engagement to Guglielmo Marconi, famous wireless inventor, has been announced.

A tea party was given by Dr. S. W. Tao, Hon. Commissioner of Police Reserve to the Chinese Company of the Hong Kong Police Reserve, to-day, at 5.30 p.m., at the Savoy Hotel. Every member of the Chinese Company was invited, and the opportunity was taken to discuss ways and means to increase the strength and to develop the usefulness of the Company.

The most interesting of the six new baronetcies in the Birthday Honours is that conferred on Lieut.-Commander Geoffrey Cecil Congreve, son of the late General Sir Walter Congreve, V.C., K.C.B., who died while serving as Governor of Malta. The honour is doubtless in recognition of Sir Walter's services, and would probably have been conferred upon him had he lived. It is rare for a title to be bestowed in this manner.

The French law courts have been giving some picturesque decisions lately. The series began with a re-affirmation of a husband's right to administer physical correction to a naughty wife, who was told that this gave her no ground for claiming a divorce. Then came the case of a man who had lent his motor-car to a lady. The lady had an accident, and she asked for damages against the man from whom she had borrowed the car. She got them, too—not as much as she claimed, but she got them.

The New English Dictionary, the most monumental work of its kind ever undertaken, when completed this year, will contain 407,124 words, with 1,780,526 quotations. By far the heaviest letter is S, which yields 57,428 words, covering 2,403 quarto pages. The smallest letter is X, but this yields 285 words. Z has over 1,000 words and Q and J have over 2,000 each. The work has taken half a century to complete and only one of the original workers on the tome are left. That is Dr. James A. H. Murray, who was appointed Editor in 1879.

Public appetite for wolf-child stories being apparently satiated the London Press is running a baboon child as a silly season topic. It is stated that a German hunter, Herr Gutav Reiss, relates how he discovered a "baboon child" while on a shooting expedition in East Africa. As the story goes, Herr Reiss found an exquisitely beautiful half-caste girl in her late teens, living amidst a family of baboons, rescued her, and took her to Germany. Now, he states, he is bringing her to England to complete her education, and then he will marry her. When first she saw the hunters, the girl, who was as wild as an untamed beast, fled with the baboons. For three days Herr Reiss tracked her through the jungle. At times the girl swung through the trees from branch to branch, but eventually fell exhausted. When Herr Reiss approached her the baboons defended the girl fiercely and had to be shot.

Lady Clifford, wife of Sir Hugh Clifford, Governor Designate of the Straits Settlements, left London on June 2 to embark on the P. and O. s.s. "Rajputana" at Marseilles to join her husband, who is now at Singapore.

Prince Arthur of Connaught visited the ground of the Ealing Cricket Club, where a match was being played between a club eleven and the New Zealanders. Prince Arthur arrived at 3.30, and during the tea interval chatted with the New Zealand players.

The following announcement from the Central Chancery of the Orders of Kighthood appeared in the London Gazette: St. James's Palace, S.W.1, 3rd June, 1927.—The KING has been pleased to appoint His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, K.G., K.T., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., M.C., to be a Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick. It will be noted that the announcement bears the date of the King's Birthday, thus revealing a curious oversight. The King conferred the distinction upon the Prince to signify his birthday, but no public intimation of the fact was issued.

Holder of one of the oldest titles in the peerage, the Baroness Farnhill is shortly to make her debut on the stage. Lady Farnhill, who is just 27, and is a decidedly pretty woman with an extremely attractive personality, said to a reporter: "I intend to take up the stage as a career. At the moment I am unable to say much about my plans, but I expect that I shall make my first appearance at Manchester in a small singing part in a musical play. I am hoping later to come to London." Lady Farnhill's barony, which dates back to 1283, fell into abeyance in 1777, but was called out of abeyance in her favour in 1913. She married in 1920 Lieut.-Commander Augustine Willington Agar, V.C., R.N. She has had a certain amount of experience as a film actress, and appeared with Lady Diana Cooper in the film, "The Virgin Queen." Lady Farnhill is the only daughter of the late Bernard Lord Petre, while her husband, who gained the V.C. at Kronstadt for an attack on Bolshevik warships, was known as the "Mystery V.C."

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## SPORTS

## LAWN BOWLS.

## Kowloon Dock For Championship.

## SECOND DIVISION CONTEST.

## Prospects For To-morrow's League Games.

(By "Short Head.")

Two surprises were served up in the Bowls League last Saturday, the first being the easy manner in which the Police accounted for the Craigengower Cricket Club and the second the defeat of the East Point R.C. in the Second Division by the Civil Service Cricket Club.

The Craigengower match the Police "took charge" from the beginning and put up a new record for this season in the League by winning by the big majority of 48 shots. West had the better of Omar by 32-11; Moss accounted for Insa by 32-11; and Mair "downed" Rumbahn by 24-14. It must be many a day since the Craigengower Club lost by so many shots in a League match, either home or away, and that they should fall by such a margin on their own ground constitutes the biggest surprise. It has been previously remarked in this column that the Police are an erratic lot this season, as witness their defeat of the Tai Koo Recreation Club on the latter's ground and their defeats on the Police ground at the hands of the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Still, their handsome victory over the Craigengower should do them a world of good, and whilst regretting defeat, the Craigengower team are too sporting really to grudge the points.

The grimest struggle of the day was at Tai Koo, where the Kowloon Dock R.C. just got home by a couple of points. Wotherspoon beat Gray by four shots; Wallace lost his unbeaten certainty to Lapsley by five shots; and Morrison lost to Brown by just one shot. The Kowloon Dock may justly be said to have the championship really within their grasp for the first time in their history, in which case no one will be the reader to congratulate them than their opponents of last Saturday who have won the championship oftener than any other Club.

At the Valley the Civil Service Cricket Club secured the full points, as expected, against the K.B.G.C. by seven shots, thus securing their second win in succession. Oswick could not prevent W. Macfarlane retaining his unbeaten record, going down by only three shots. Deakin proved superior to Russell by five shots, and Pendered gained a win at the expense of Holland by the same margin.

## Second Division Surprise.

Few expected the Civil Service to go to the East Point and bring away the points, but this they did, a majority of 15 shots, in spite of McTavish's sink downing Alderman's by 26-16. McKellar, however, lost to Taylor by eleven shots and Lee could make no impression on "Jim" Massey's boys, going down by 14 shots. The Civil Service are now well out of the bottom three in this Division. Craigengower C.C. could not win against the Kowloon Dock Club, losing by a majority of 19 shots. Sellwood fell to Horridge by 20 shots; and Rodriguez succumbed to Lammert by eight shots. Knott, however, put paid to Davidson's account by nine shots.

The Club de Recreo did well to lose to the Bowling Green Club by only 12 shots. In fact, they led at one time by an aggregate of 21 shots, and had they been more cautious after the tea interval they might have collared the points. As it was, A. Ribeiro gave away a seven and a five against Warren and eventually lost by 10 shots. Souza just failed against Macfarlane by a couple of shots, and J. Ribeiro could do more than tie against Ferguson's rink. The Bowling Green Club's win will add zest to the race for the Second Division championship with the K.C.C., each having lost only one match.

## TO-MORROW'S PROSPECTS.

The First Division programme to-morrow is not so interesting as of late. The leaders, the Kowloon Dock R.C., are at home to the wooden spoonists, the K.C.C., whom they have already defeated this season by 15 shots. It would be idle to pretend that, on form, the K.C.C. have any hope of being the first to lower the Dock's colours, but there is always the glorious uncertainty of the game to contend with, and if the Dock are off colour anything may happen.

The Tai Koo R.C. will be hosts to the Civil Service C.C., and although the game should be an interesting one form points to a win for Tai Koo. A year ago Tai Koo won by nine shots, whilst this season, at the Valley, they won by eight shots. Tai Koo will be anxious to retrieve themselves after losing to the Kowloon Dock last Saturday, whilst the Civil Servants will strive to secure their third successive win.

At Kowloon the Bowling Green Club will be hosts to the Craigengower C.C. and ground advantage may be sufficient to settle the destiny of the points. It has to be remembered, however, that the last season the Craigengower C.C. won by nine shots against a better team than represent the K.B.G.C. to-day, whilst this season, at the Valley, they won by the fateful 13. Both teams lost last Saturday. Curiously enough a win for the Craigengower to-morrow would place them third top whilst a defeat would place them third bottom—provided, of course, that the other matches pan out as expected.

## Second Division Hopes.

In the Second Division, the Kowloon Cricket Club have a good opportunity of bringing the championship nearer when they have as guests the Tai Koo R.C. The position of the latter on the League table is, however, rather misleading as, although fourth, they have played two matches less than the K.C.C. and have lost only two matches against one defeat for the K.C.C. Still, the K.C.C. must be tipped to win. They won a year ago by 26 shots and this season at Tai Koo by 10 shots.

The Civil Service C.C. entertain the Club de Recreo at the Valley and should not have much trouble in annexing the full points in view of their victory over East Point a week ago. Last season this fixture resulted in a tie—63 shots each—but this season the Civil Servants went over to King's Park and won by 25 shots.

The Craigengower C.C. will visit the Yacht Club, and it would be no surprise to see the Yacht Club open their winning account in the first game this season on their own green. The Craigengower Club have won only one match out of seven and that was against the Yacht Club by 33 shots. It is now the turn of the Yacht Club to reverse the position and thus get on equal terms on the League table.

An interesting match should be that between the East Point R.C. and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on the ground of the former. The Clubs have met already this season—at Kowloon—when the K.B.G.C. won by 21 shots. They will have their work cut out to repeat that performance to-morrow, in spite of the East Point finishing on the wrong side last Saturday. Even a defeat, however, will not imply that the championship race is finished.

## SKIPS' RECORDS.

As the outcome of last Saturday's games the only undefeated skips now are:

First Division: W. Macfarlane (K.B.G.C.), five wins; Brown (K.D.R.C.), five wins and one draw; Lapsley (K.D.R.C.), four wins; and Drummond (Tai Koo), one win.

Second Division: Young (Tai Koo); Bobbie and R. Duncan, (both K.B.G.C.), one win each; T. Ferguson (K.B.G.C.), no win, one draw.

Other good performances are: First Division: Wallace (T.R.C.), four wins and one defeat; Pendered (C.S.C.C.), four wins and two defeats; Basa (C.C.C.), five wins and three defeats; Cullen (K.D.R.C.), three wins and one defeat.

Second Division: Massey (C.S.C.C.) and McTavish (E.P.R.C.) seven wins and one defeat each; Macfarlane (K.B.G.C.), five wins and one defeat; Warren (K.B.G.C.), five wins, one defeat, one draw; Lammert (K.C.C.), five wins and three defeats; McKechnie (T.R.C.), three wins and one defeat.

## LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:

Division I.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Kowloon Dock R.C.	7	7	0	0	14
Tai Koo R.C.	6	4	0	2	8
Police R.C.	7	3	0	4	6
Craigengower C.C.	7	3	0	4	6
Kowloon B.G.C.	5	2	0	3	4
Civil Service C.C.	6	2	0	4	4
Kowloon C.C.	6	1	0	5	2

## Shots for and Against.

	For	Agst.	Up	Dn.
Kowloon D.R.C.	443	340	103	—
Tai Koo R.C.	367	316	51	—
Kowloon B.G.C.	301	279	22	—
Civil Service C.C.	344	351	—	7
Police R.C.	393	421	—	28
Craigengower C.C.	384	425	—	31
Kowloon C.C.	271	381	—	110

## Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Kowloon C.C.	8	7	0	1	14
Kowloon B.G.C.	7	6	0	1	12
East Point R.C.	8	5	0	3	10
Tai Koo R.C.	6	4	0	2	8
Civil Service C.C.	8	4	0	4	8
Club de Recreo	8	2	0	6	4
Craigengower C.C.	8	1	0	7	2
Royal H.K.Y.C.	6	0	0	6	0

## Shots for and Against.

	For	Agst.	Up	Dn.
Kowloon B.G.C.	460	361	99	—
Kowloon C.C.	492	423	69	—
East Point R.C.	491	436	55	—
Civil Service C.C.	484	443	41	—
Tai Koo R.C.	366	338	28	—
Royal H.K.Y.C.	257	343	—	86
Craigengower C.C.	420	518	—	98
Club de Recreo	393	501	—	108

## FIXTURES FOR TO-MORROW.

Matches down for decision for to-morrow are:

Division I.	
Kowloon B.G.C. v. Craigengower C.C.	
Division II.	
Kowloon C.C. v. Tai Koo R.C.	
Civil Service C.C. v. Club de Recreo	
Royal Yacht Club v. Craigengower C.C.	
East Point R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.	

## TO-MORROW'S TEAMS.

The following are the probable teams for to-morrow:

First Division.  
Civil Service C.C.—B. E. Maughan, H. Westlake, sen., P. Keegan, and J. W. Deakin (skip); T. Laing, R. A. Smith, A. Holledge, and T. D. E. Pendered (skip); H. H. Rose, A. O. Brown, A. Grimmit, and A. H. Oswick (skip).  
Kowloon Bowling Green Club.—W. Hedley, J. Magill, D. Muir, and W. Macfarlane (skip); R. Duncan, R. Hunter, P. T. Farrell, and A. M. Holland (skip); T. Ferguson, D. Harvey, A. Macfarlane, and W. Russell (skip).  
Craigengower Cricket Club.—F. J. Naves, D. Fritz, C. M. Alves, and U. M. Omar (skip); W. T. Brightman, C. S. Rossette, E. Arculli, and D. Rumbahn (skip); W. B. Musket, M. A. R. Sousa, C. Bennett, and R. Basa (skip).  
Kowloon Cricket Club.—J. Hyde, W. Hyde, H. Overly, and W. Hill (skip); F. Hamblin, A. W. Smith, F. Goodwin, and J. Edwards, C. J. R. Abraham, and G. Pile (skip).  
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Tai Koo R.C.—W. Veir, J. Whyte, J. Russell, and W. Wotherspoon (skip); T. Young, W. F. Smith, G. McLeod, and W. Wallace (skip); T. Grimes, M. Muirhead, J. Laing, and G. Morrison (skip).

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Yacht Club.—Read, Bullock, Hammond, and C. Edwards (skip); Thornhill, Vaux, Wood, and Shields (skip); Wynne-Jones, Black, Sutherland, and Davies (skip).

Tai Koo R.C.—P. M. Stewart, F. Boyle, D. Walmsley, and C. B. Matthews (skip); H. Maxwell, D. Speirs, D. Munro, and H. Dinneen (skip); J. Sloan, J. Richmond, J. Chalmers, and H. McKechnie (skip).

## HOME OPEN GOLF.

## FIELD NOW REDUCED TO FIFTY-FOUR.

## MANY NOTABLE FAILURES.

St. Andrews, July 14.

Other scores returned in the qualifying round of the British open golf championship were:



Walter Hagen.

Kirkwood	144
Cotton	145
Aubrey Boomer	146
Buckle (Eggleston)	146
Dolson	147
Allis	147
E. Whitcombe	147
Tom King	147
Robson	148
C. Gadd	148
Montmorency	149
Harris	149
Stevens (U.S.A.)	149
Tolley	150
C. Whitcombe	150
Leu Holland	150

All scorers of 155 and over were automatically eliminated, thus reducing the field by half to a total of 54.

Notable amongst those who failed to qualify were R. Whitcombe, Gollas, Vardon, Storey, the Americans Melhorn, Nabholz and Anderson, and the Australian Nettelfold.

## Other Qualifiers.

Nettelfold qualified with a score of 152.

Other qualifiers were Barnes 152, Kennett (America) 153 and Havers 154.

There was a crowd of 20,000 spectators.—Reuter.

## Reuter's Correction.

A correction issued by Reuter states that in yesterday's details Jones' scores should have been 72 and 140 and that Hodson of Newport returned scores of 70 and 142, not "Hudson of Tenby." These two players led the field in the qualifying round.

## DEFEATED BY SPANIARD.



Harry Wills, the negro boxer, who was knocked out in the fourth round by Paolino at Brooklyn on Tuesday.

## LOCAL TENNIS.

## "C." DIVISION MATCHES YESTERDAY.

Club de Recreo, in a "C" Division match in the Tennis League, defeated the Hong Kong C.C. yesterday by 59 games to 40.

Scores:—

G. S. Hugh Jones and H. R. Remington (H.K.C.C.):

beat R. Hyndman and L. Carvalho 6-5

lost to A. A. Remedios and A. V. Remedios 5-6

beat F. Ribeiro and H. Remedios 6-5

17-16

M. M. Watson and T. G. Bennett (H.K.C.C.):

lost to R. Hyndman and L. Carvalho 5-6

beat A. A. Remedios and A. V. Remedios 6-5

lost to F. Ribeiro and H. Remedios 4-7

15-18

J. R. Hinton and A. H. Penn (H.K.C.C.):

lost to R. Hyndman and L. Carvalho 4-7

lost to A. A. Remedios and A. V. Remedios 2-9

lost to F. Ribeiro and H. Remedios 2-9

8-25

NETHERLANDS v. NIPPON.

The Japanese won yesterday on the N.T.C. courts by 64 games to 35. Scores:—

C. de Bruyn and A. Ramondt (N.T.C.):

lost to Y. Oishi and Watanabe 3-8

lost to Y. Hachiuma and K. Yoshikawa 4-7

lost to T. Isomura and K. Nakano 4-7

11-22

F. Lafleur and H. J. Knottnerus (N.T.C.):

lost to Y. Oishi and Watanabe 3-8

lost to Y. Hachiuma and K. Yoshikawa 4-7

beat T. Isomura and K. Nakano 6-5

13-20

K.R.S.F.P.A. v. C.R.C.

In another "C" division match the Chinese won by 76 games to 26.

Pile and Panchon (K.B.S.F.P.A.):

lost to Ma Wei-but and K. K. Ip 4-7

lost to Cheng Chi-wing and Chiu Chung-chiu 4-7

lost to Un Hiu-fan and Lau Man-kwong 4-7

12-21

Hedley and Greenhalgh (K.B.S.F.P.A.):

lost to Ma Wei-but and K. K. Ip 2-9

beat Cheng Chi-wing and Chiu Chung-chiu 6-5

lost to Un Hiu-fan and Lau Man-kwong 2-9

10-23

## WINS AT HOME.



Jim Cartledge, the ex-lightweight champion of Hong Kong, recently met and defeated the lightweight champion of Cornwall in a fifteen rounds contest at Plymouth. He won fairly comfortably on points against a much younger opponent.

## HOW WILLS LOST.

## PAOLINO DISPLAYS HEAVY PUNCH.

Further to the 15-round fight between Paolino Uzeudun the Spaniard, and Harry Wills, Negro, at Brooklyn on July 13, which the Spaniard won in the fourth round, Reuter says:—

Wills, (aged 35), weighed in at 15 st. 4½ lbs. and Uzeudun (25) at 13 st. 13 lbs.

Wills was expected to win, but Uzeudun, displaying unexpected punching power, soon put an end to his veteran opponent's hopes. After three rounds of desultory mauling, the Spaniard suddenly felled Wills with an axe-like right-hander. Rising to his feet staggering after a count of nine, Wills was floored a second and last time with crushing right-handers.—Reuter's American Service.

## LONDON EXCHANGES.

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Oso 18.80

Vienna 34.47½

Prague 163½

Helsingfors 192½

Madrid 28.32½

Lisbon 2 7/10

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## MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

## INDIAN ART.

FINE PAINTINGS AT THE  
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A NOTABLE SELECTION.

From the rich stores of the Print Room in the British Museum, Mr. Laurence Binyon has made a selection of 150 or so examples to illustrate the history of painting in India.

They are now exhibited in the large King Edward VII. gallery, where, incidentally, the wonderful Chinese Twelfth Century "Three Bodhisattvas" fresco become in mail week a national possession—the splendid gift of Mrs. George Eumorfopoulos, from whom it was on loan for some months.

Of the classic masterpieces of Indian painting the present collection represents a few in copies made for the British Museum by Mr. Mukul Dey. One is the fresco in the Cave-Temples of Ajanta, "The glorified Buddha revisiting his wife and child," the main figure being wonderfully expressive; and there are two sections of the frescoes at Bagh of magnificent plastic quality.

The whole series of the latter frescoes is being reproduced in colours in a volume on the Bagh Caves, which the Indian Society hope to issue in a few weeks. The letterpress is by Sir John Marshall, Director of Archaeology in India.

## 16th Century Schools.

From this early Buddhist art, which became extinct in India about the Eighth Century, one passes in the present exhibition to the Sixteenth Century, and an art of the small picture or drawing with a distinct development throughout two hundred years thereafter.

That development is, briefly, towards a truly Indian character through the merging of Mogul art with its Persian tradition and fashion of Courts, with an art of more native inspiration, such as that practised in the Rajput Schools.

The whole collection is one of extraordinary beauty, and the delight it can give thereby is enhanced by some understanding of its historical evolution, which may be followed in the informing Guide Mr. Binyon has prepared for the exhibition.

Some points in that are illustrated in individual drawings which give one special pleasure; for example, the primitive Indian tradition in the expressive "An Offering to the Lingham" (No. 11), of the Rajasthani School; the European influence in Mogul art, explicit in adaptations from Western prints as in No. 26, and more subtly in drawings like "Two Travellers calling at a farm for refreshment" (24); the splendid weight and presence in Mogul portraiture, like "The Physician of the Emperor Jahangir" (37); and "Islam Khan Vizier to Shah Jahan" (49); and the gaiety of "Lovers on a Terrace in the Rainy Season" (84), and other examples of the later Indian Kangra School. But the individual numbers one would like to remark on run to scores.

## HIGH FEES FOR CONDUCTORS.

New York has for a long time been seeking to engage Arturo Toscanini, the famous Italian conductor, for one of its great orchestras; but he has been too firmly established at La Scala, Milan, to accept these flattering offers. Now, however, he has accepted a contract to lead the New York Philharmonic Orchestra for the second half of the coming season—an engagement which, it is reported, will bring him a fee of \$12,000 for 40 concerts. This is said to be the highest pay received by any conductor anywhere, and its amplitude indicates how ready the Americans are to pay money when they want the best man. For Toscanini is indisputably a great conductor. When he visited the United States, not long ago, and conducted a series of orchestral concerts, he aroused tremendous enthusiasm, his far-

well appearances being aptly described as resembling the leaving-taking of a distinguished general saying good-bye to his army. Leopold Stokowski, the celebrated conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, is paid \$12,000 a year, on a tenure of five years; but for this sum he is required to give 90 concerts, so that Toscanini's fee is considerably higher. By the way, Stokowski, who has brought the Philadelphia Orchestra to the position of one of the finest in America by his insight and magnetism, has recently suffered seriously from the strain due to overwork, and has been obliged to relinquish his baton for a 12-months' rest. Mention of La Scala, where Toscanini reigns supreme, recalls that a recent announcement was made that Signorina Toti dal Monte is to be one of the leading sopranos in the activities of that famous opera house this season.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO OLD FILMS.

The mournful soliloquy of Hamlet, who delivered his soul in the now oft repeated phrase "Imperial Caesar, dead and turned to clay, should stop a hole to keep the wind away," might well be employed, though in a more entertaining way, to the celluloid remains of our film stars.

A visit to Hyams &amp; Daw, manufacturers of cellulose products, in a remote corner of London, led to the discovery of the fate of old Universal films. The condemned films are unwound into a big bath, where cold water containing a chemical gives a preliminary softening to the emulsion on the celluloid. Then with a crinkling noise the whole is placed into a bath of boiling water, containing another chemical, and then stirred with movements reminiscent of a housewife preparing an Irish stew. The water becomes discoloured, and when the mass of film is again lifted and placed in a dry bath, the bottom of the boiling bath has become a tomb for all that represented palpitating life and adventure on the screen.

Everything has disappeared from the print except the clean and clear surface, which in turn supplies by-products of utility. Meanwhile the sticky mass of emulsion, after draining, is treated with other chemicals and becomes polish for boots, motor cars, and even varnishes. A very small percentage of silver is also derived from the dissolved emulsion. The film, clear of all photographic impressions, is then treated with a mixture of acetone and acetone and dissolved to a mass. Almost everything can be made from this mass of gelatine, which later on, going through various processes, becomes combs, tyres, and even mudguards.

## KIEPURA IN LONDON.

Jan Kiepura, the new Polish tenor, whose Continental appearances have aroused so much laudatory comment—some writers even committing themselves to the absurdity of describing him as "the second Caruso"—sang in London recently, at a British Broadcasting Company's concert at the Albert Hall. The critic of the "Musical Times," a journal the reliability of whose reviews is recognised, agrees that Kiepura's voice is of very fine quality, but adds: "One felt that he was really not ripe for public appearance." He is advised in this notice to cultivate steadiness of tone and some sort of rhythmical sense. "But," continues the writer, "it was an occasion when much allowance was fairly made. The sheer beauty of many of his notes, and also his attractively natural, unconventional platform manner, evoked extraordinary applause." His music on this occasion included arias from "Rigoletto," "Tosca," and "La Boheme," to orchestral accompaniments conducted by Sir Landon Ronald. Kiepura is only 24, so that he has plenty of time to develop his style; and in any case, there is much force in the concluding observation of the critic that "some of us cannot resist the appeal of a free and splendid voice, no matter how unmusical the owner."

## ART MARKET.

EFFORTS TO HELP PAINTERS  
AND SCULPTORS.

A LENDING SCHEME.

Sir Joseph Duveen has done his best to bring the young artist and the potential buyer together by arranging exhibitions of work all over the country and by going farther afield, in Paris, and Brussels. Much good has been done in that way, and not least, by stimulating others to provide an outlet for national work.

At the moment an experiment is being carried out which was initiated by Mr. John Maynard Keynes, the Cambridge economist, with three others, Mr. Samuel Courtauld, Mr. L. H. Myers, and Mr. F. Hindley Smith, in an attempt to give the young sculptor and painter some sort of stability. This attempt is embodied in the London Artists' Association, a body at present consisting of thirteen artists. The four patrons guarantee to each artist a certain salary per annum, which is calculated on his average annual sales. If the artist falls ill or his sales decline he is paid by the Association. In return the artist sends all his works to the central bureau in Bond Street.

## Distributing Agency.

The Association acts as a distributing agency. In short, the Association acts for the artist in much the same way as a literary agent acts for an author—with the essential addition of a guaranteed salary.

The group can be expanded indefinitely; any member can propose new members whose claims are considered by a full meeting of the group. Twelve months have elapsed since this scheme was started and, thanks to the four patrons and the energies of the artists, it has been a success.

Now a movement has been inaugurated in Liverpool to establish a sort of lending library of works of art by Merseyside artists, with the idea of finding a market for local artists. Each subscriber is entitled to the loan of a work of art each month, and will have the option of purchasing any of the works circulated.

## £5 5s. Subscription.

An additional benefit arising out of the scheme will be the production, four times a year, of a folio of photographic or selected work by painters, sculptors of architects, and metal craftsmen, to be sent to each subscriber. The subscription is £5 5s. per annum. The scheme will not mature unless the committee are assured of at least fifty subscribers.

If one has any misgiving in regard to these well-meant efforts it is due to the feeling that one does not want to have art by locality or have any jealousy fostered between one part of the country and another. In fact, one can but hope that Sir Joseph Duveen is but the forerunner of a great national scheme by means of which the budding art of the country can be encouraged on the broadest possible basis, so that the young artist who has done a good work, or believes he has done so, may be able to get it at once to the market.

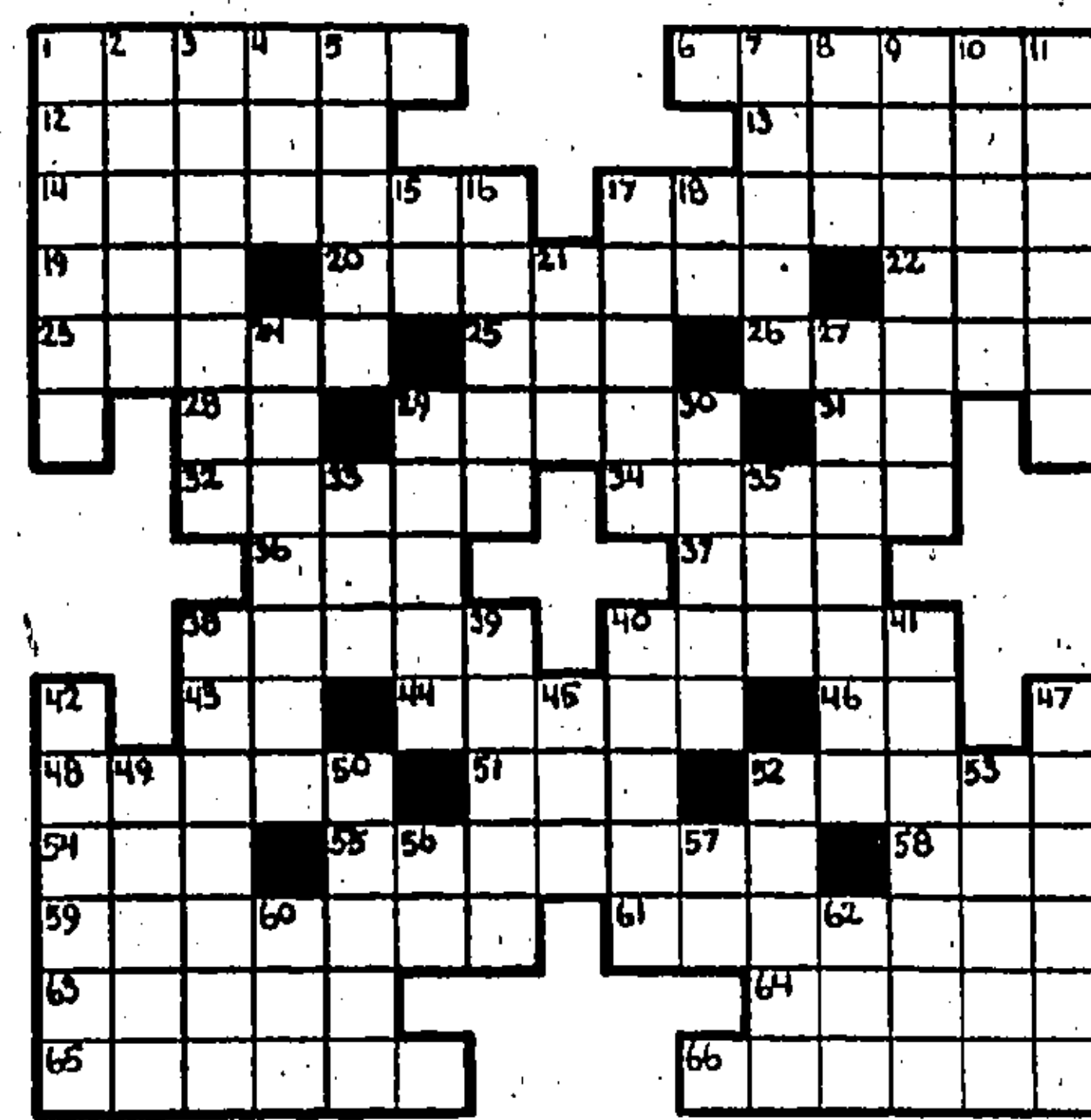
## BRITISH FILM COMBINE.

The Gaumont British Picture Corporation Ltd. completed the purchase of the Marble Arch Pavilion, the Shepherd's-bush Pavilion, the Lavender-hill Pavilion, and the Shaftesbury-avenue Pavilion, and also the whole of the issued share capital of W. and F. Film Service Ltd. and Ideal Films Ltd. The Gaumont British Corporation has a capital of £2,000,000, and a public issue of 1,000,000 Cumulative Preference shares of £1 each and 100,000 Ordinary shares of 10s. each was made on April 11.

In addition to the acquisition of the Gaumont Ideal Films, and W. and F. Film Service companies, the Gaumont British Picture Corporation was formed to acquire twenty picture houses in London and the provinces.

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



## HORIZONTAL

1-Coarse cinnamon.  
6-An Italian city.  
12-Foreign.  
13-Less in number.  
14-Attitude.  
17-An American rear-admiral.  
18-To place.  
20-To alleviate, as pain.  
22-Golf term.  
23-Official of ancient Rome.  
25-To go wrong.  
26-Rends.  
28-Negative.  
29-To treat with extortion.  
31-Milliliter (abbr.).  
32-To break out suddenly.  
34-A peg; fastener.  
35-Before.  
37-Hurried.  
38-To free from dirt.  
40-Vehicles on runners.  
43-Personal pronoun.  
44-Ran swiftly.  
46-Each (abbr.).  
48-Checked.

## HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

51-Crow of a bird.  
52-To muddle.  
54-Prefix. By.  
55-A component part.  
58-Deacon (abbr.).  
59-Bewails.  
61-One who surveys by means of a dial (Mining).  
63-Balance.  
64-Scuffs at.  
65-A twilled stuff (pl.).  
66-Not fine.

## VERTICAL

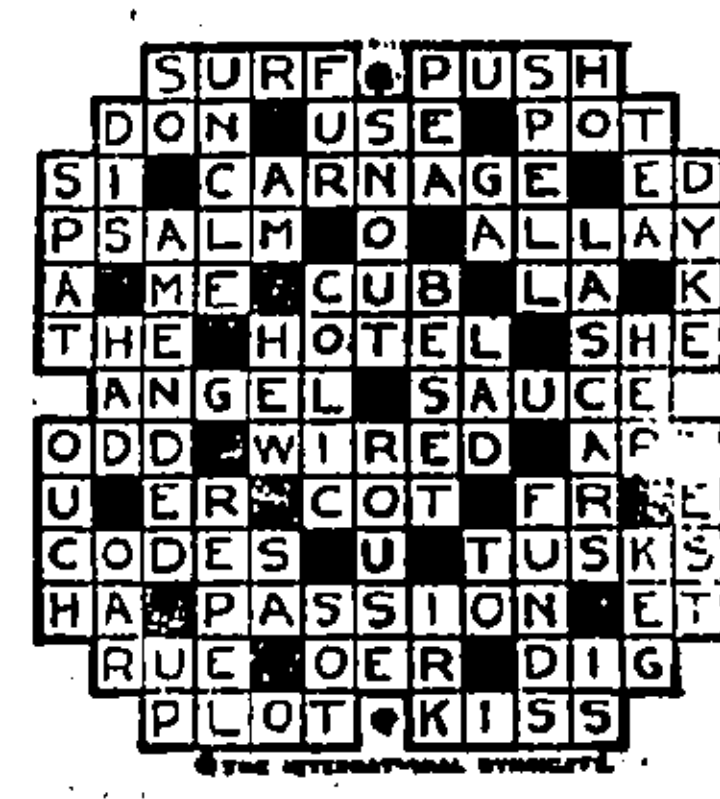
1-Crowned.  
2-Audibly.  
3-Famous chapel, Rome.  
4-Hardened.  
5-To habituate.  
7-An ant.  
8-To pluck.  
9-To establish in a position.  
10-One who coos.  
11-Man's name.  
12-Prefix. Back.  
13-To choose.  
16-Withered.  
18-Avenue (abbr.).

## VERTICAL (Cont.)

21-Irregular (abbr.).  
24-A siren of the Rhine.  
27-Made corrections in.  
29-A weapon of savages.  
30-The earth.  
33-An ending of nouns.  
35-Woe (Scott.).  
38-One who casts a spell.  
39-Nominates.  
40-Used needle and thread.  
41-A young seat.  
42-A fruit (pl.).  
45-Eccentric rotating piece.  
47-A funeral vehicle.  
49-To depart.  
50-Thick.  
52-A string of mules (Sp.).  
53-Malicious glance (abbr.).  
56-A military title (abbr.).  
57-Nickel (chem. sym.).  
60-A country of Europe (abbr.).  
62-A grassy field.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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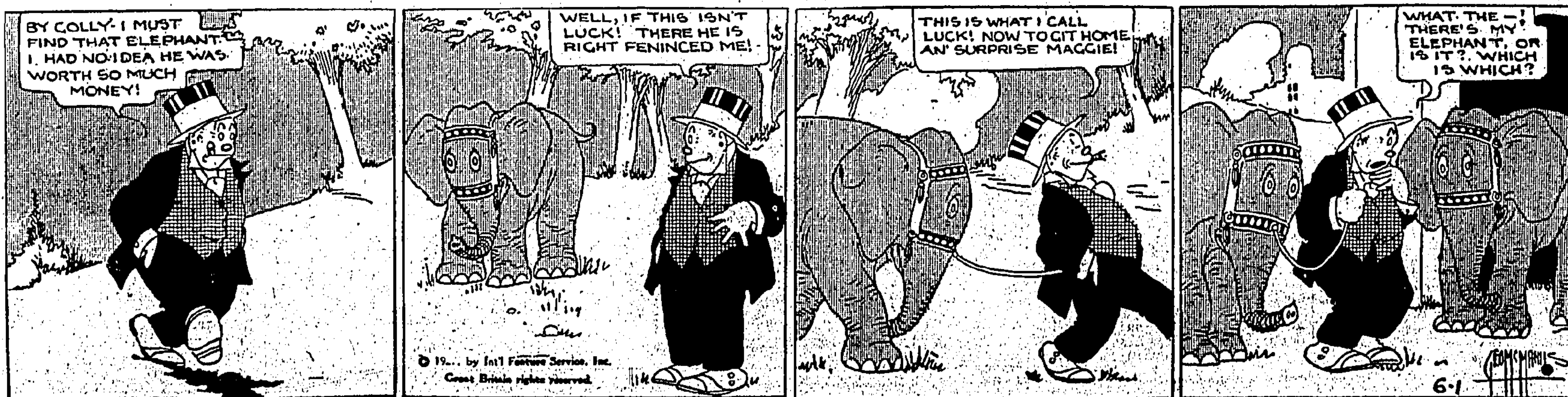
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## THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Mr. Edward Storr Latham, Harrogate, left £46,674 gross, so far as can at present be ascertained.

The Right Hon. Charles Pepys Courtenay, fourteenth Earl of Devon, left unsettled property of the gross value of £90,066.

While practising for the senior tourist trophy race in the Isle of Man, Mr. Charles Archibald Cecil Birkin, second son of Sir Thomas Birkin, Bt., was killed. Mr. Birkin was travelling at speed round the bend at Kirk Michael, and in swerving to avoid a lorry he fell and was killed outright.

"The whining schoolboy has disappeared, and truancy is well-nigh non-existent," declared Mr. A. Saywell, of London, at the annual conference of the National Association of Head Teachers. In a strong condemnation of the old system of examinations, he said that to impart knowledge by force was as unrighteous as forcible feeding.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest on Mr. Claude Plevins, the Cambridge undergraduate, who lost his life in the disaster which occurred on the opening day of the flying meeting at Bourne-mouth. The coroner said he did not think there was any evidence on which the jury could bring in a verdict which attached blame to the pilot, on whose part there seemed to have been an error of judgment.

At Cheltenham the Co-operative Congress decided, on a card vote, by 1,960 to 1,843, to approve the proposed political alliance between the Co-operative party and the Labour Socialist party. This followed an animated discussion, in which one dissident declared that "if the Co-operative movement were not a prosperous concern the Labour party would have no use for us," and that the proposal would "split and wreck the movement from top to bottom." It transpired later that out of over 1,300 societies affiliated to the Co-operative Union only about 600 were represented at the congress.

Robberies at Kensington, Cricklewood, and Bromley, Kent, were reported as having occurred during the holiday.

Fire destroyed valuable patterns and other stock and several buildings of the Mirrieles Watson Co., Glasgow, the damage being officially estimated at £20,000.

The court at Ilford awarded the Dunmow Fitch to Mr. William Wright, M.P., and Mrs. Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Horkin, of Liversedge, Yorkshire.

The King and Queen opened the Royal Ascot meeting driving along the course with their guests from Windsor Castle. The Prince of Wales, Prince Henry, Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles and Viscount Lascelles accompanied their Majesties.

In a motor collision between Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells Lady Oranmore and Browne was killed instantly and Lord Oranmore and Browne was seriously injured. When the large car in which they were being driven approached a corner near Quarry Hill it skidded and collided with a bus. The chauffeur and two other passengers in the car were also injured.

The Prince of Wales at Exeter, laid the foundation-stone of the new administrative and art block at Streatham Hall, which is to be the new home of the University College of the South-West of England. His Royal Highness announced that Lord Glansly had told him that he had promised to give £25,000 to the endowment fund. This sum would be devoted to the establishment of a few scholarships and a chair of agriculture, and one of the scholarships was to be dedicated to the memory of Sir Francis Drake.



ITS QUALITY THAT COUNTS

Popular resorts, in and out of the metropolis, were thronged with holiday crowds, who made the best of weather conditions, which contrasted badly with those of Easter-tide.

When the German full-rigged ship "Grief" arrived at Falmouth, the captain reported having lost two of the crew on the voyage from Port Pirie, in March, when the ship met with a hurricane which raged four days.

The subject of a political alliance between the Co-operative movement and the Labour Party was introduced by Mr. A. Barnes, M.P., at the Co-operative Congress at Cheltenham. A delegate declared that the proposed alliance would wreck the Co-operative movement from top to bottom.

The arrival of English coal at Hamburg increased from 92,458 tons in the first half of May to 107,529 tons in the second half of the month. The English arrivals in May exceeded the imports of the previous month by 61,094 tons. Only once since the end of the English strike were the coal imports greater than in May; this was in March, when they totalled 219,887 tons.

A record entry of 700 has been received in "The Daily Telegraph" London Gardens Competition—an advance of 123 on last year's total. There has been a large increase in the number of entries from houses and gardens not exceeding £35 per annum rateable value, formerly confined to a radius of four miles from Charing-cross and now open to the whole of the London postal area.

At their resumed conference the Manchester Unity of Odd-fellows devoted special attention to contributions to the orphans fund and to publicity and propaganda. The suggestion of the Investigation Committee that regard be had to contributions to the orphan fund where application was made for grants, found a favourable reception, and it is likely that a change in policy will follow. It was decided to hold next year's conference at Douglas, Isle of Man.

A collision in mid-air, at the Bournemouth Flying Meeting, caused the death of two airmen, whose machines crashed in flames—Squadron-Leader W. H. Longton, the famous pilot, and Major L. P. Openshaw. Squadron-Leader Longton was pinned underneath the wreckage, and was burned to death before he could be extricated, Major Openshaw dying almost at once from his injuries. The latter was flying in a machine in which, only as recently as Easter, he and his wife set out for their honeymoon.

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool has arranged, in connection with their Majesties' visit to Liverpool, on July 19, on the occasion of the opening of the Gladstone Dock, that two Guards of Honour shall be provided from the Liverpool Territorial Troops, and for the route from the Town Hall to the Landing Stage, via Water Street, to be lined by Territorials. In order that the demonstration may be of a fitting character, the Lord Mayor trusts that the attendance of Territorials will be as large as possible, and he appeals to employers of labour to be good enough, as far as is consistent with their work, to allow the men a whole or half day's leave respectively without deduction of pay. The Lord Mayor feels sure that employers will give careful consideration to this request.

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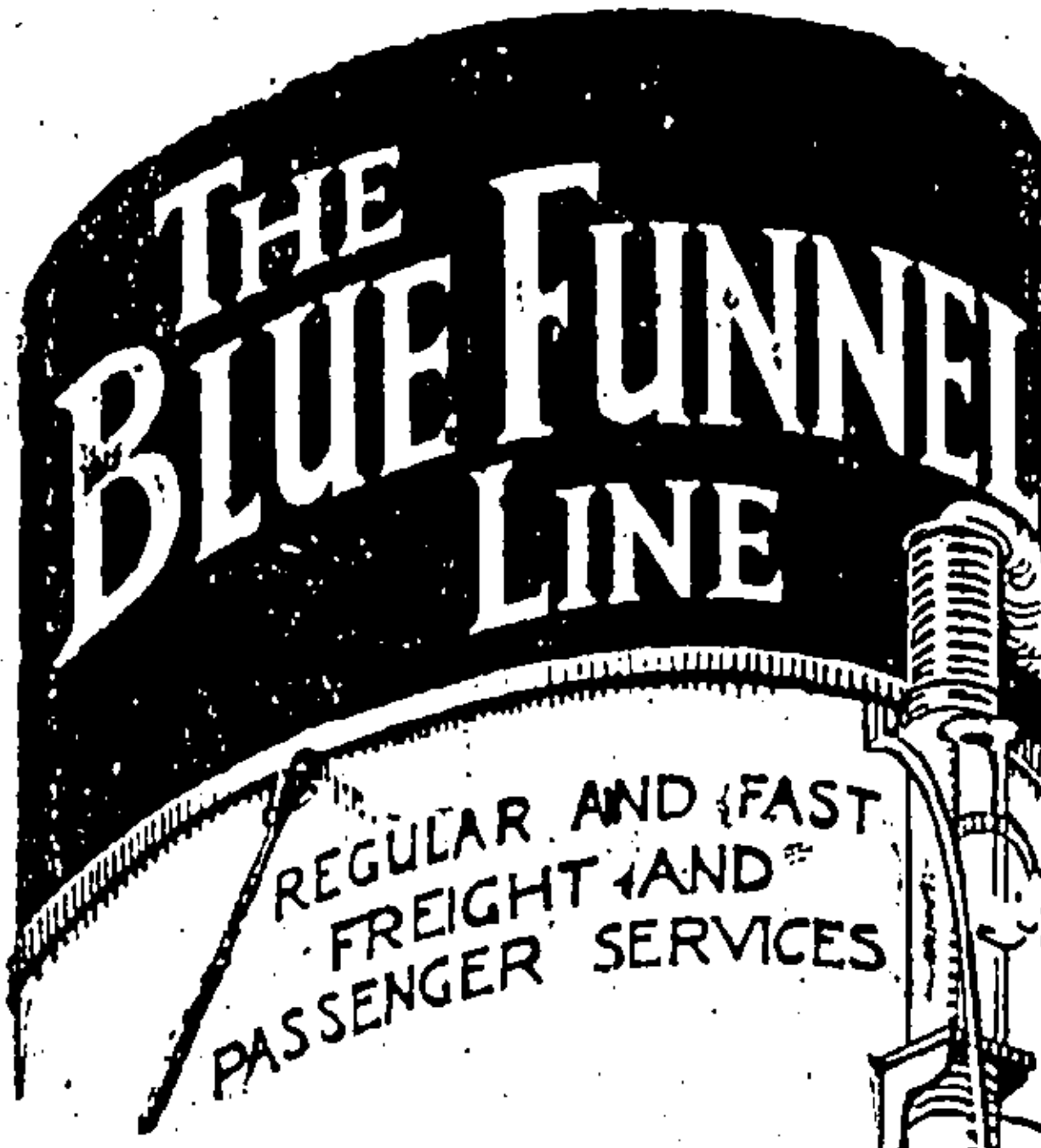
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## MOTORIST'S ARREST.

Repulse Bay Road Case Defence.

### THIS MORNING'S EVIDENCE.

This morning Mr. R. E. Lindell took further evidence in the case in which two Chinese, Chan Hin-shun and Li Shiu-piu, were charged, the former with violation of traffic regulations and resisting arrest, and the latter with obstructing Inspector Grant in the execution of his duty.

Continuing his evidence, Li (second defendant) said that Inspector Grant attempted to pull Chan out of the car. Chan could not get out because both his hands were engaged with the steering wheel and his foot was on the brake at the time. As the car was on a slight incline at the time, if Chan removed his foot from the brake the car would have moved back. Then the Inspector twisted Chan's right arm behind his back violently. Chan called out to witness to put on the hand brake, which he did.

Alleged Blows.  
Still holding Chan's arm the Inspector stepped on to the foot-board and struck Chan on the shoulder. The witness said to the Inspector "Don't hit him or you will hurt him." Inspector Grant replied "Don't you interfere you—fool." When the witness said "You can't treat him like that," the Inspector said "You go to—" and struck the witness on the jaw which was still painful to touch. The witness said "What the— you hit me for. I'll see the C.S.P. about it." Inspector Grant then aimed another blow at the witness but he dodged it and jumped out of the car. He moved a few paces away from the car and stood on the side of the road from which positions he saw the Inspector climb into the car. The Inspector sat on the driving wheel with one foot on either side of Chan, still holding the latter's hand behind his back. Chan had to lean backwards to relieve the pain on his arm, and in so doing his glasses fell off. Fung, another passenger in the car picked up Chan's glasses and then left the car and went down to the beach. The witness said he did not dare to return to the side of the car again. It was not true that he had run round the back of the car to strike the Inspector.

Under Arrest.  
When Dr. Wan Ying-sing came up from the beach, the Inspector still held Chan's hand behind his back. It was when Dr. Wan asked the Inspector what the matter was about that the Inspector explained two charges against Chan. Dr. Wan asked if it was not sufficient to take Chan's name and address and let him go. The Inspector replied "No, he must go in my car." The Inspector never asked for Chan's name and address. Then Dr. Wan Yik-sing and a Dr. Wong came up. Dr. Wong suggested that the three doctors stand surety for Chan and asked the Inspector to let go Chan's arm. Inspector Grant said "No, not until he is in my car. If he won't go I will handcuff him." Then Dr. Wong advised Chan to go into the Inspector's car, which he did. In reply to a question by Dr. Wong, Inspector Grant mentioned four charges against Chan. Finally the Inspector released Chan's arm and asked the witness's name and address saying that he had a charge against him of "obstruction." The witness drove Chan's car back to town and had a lot of difficulty with it on the way. He went first to Chan's house to get the latter's licence, and then got Chan's chauffeur to drive the car to No. 7 Police Station.

Question of Licence.  
Replying to Mr. Brutton, witness said no one told the Inspector that he had no right to ask for Chan's licence. Witness denied that he advised Chan not to produce his licence. The only bad words the witness heard were those he had mentioned in his evidence. Had the Inspector asked for Chan's name and address in the first place all this trouble would have been avoided.  
By the Magistrate: The witness was born in Hong Kong, and had been away for only a short while. When Chan's car passed the

## SMALLER NAVIES.

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communications against hostile raids, of whose disastrous effects we have had such bitter experience in the war.  
"If the British scheme is adopted we three great nations shall have set an example to the world in arresting the increase in the offensive strength of all ships and making competition in shipbuilding impossible between us, and we shall have saved the taxpayers of all countries many millions of pounds in the future."

Mr. Bridgeman said that if no further progress was possible they would gladly consider other suggestions. A few days ago it was suggested they should investigate the possibility of agreeing on a definite building programme which could be embodied in a conference agreement. It would be a maximum programme for each country and would be subject to limitation of maximum individual tonnage.

Finding a Solution.  
It would enable each to see exactly what was the most that the other could build and the characteristics of different ships up to the time when revision of the Washington Treaty had to take place.

It would be a form of limitation most closely resembling the scheme adopted at Washington, and it came near to the original British idea that they could agree on each other's needs if they were frankly stated.  
He was glad to think that preliminary investigation of the plan had revealed a large measure of general consent and hoped that before the next meeting they would have found in it a solution of a difficult problem.

Striking Figures.  
Lord Jellicoe, the New Zealand delegate, pointed out that Britain's main lines of communication measured 80,000 miles on which there were an average of 9,500,000 tons of British merchant shipping.

The requirements of the Empire had been given as 70 cruisers for direct trade protection. Assuming 12 of those to be refitting or refueling, there would be one cruiser to every 2,500 miles on the lines of communication.

Such figures showed that the British Empire delegation would find it difficult to reduce the number, particularly when recent experience showed that the 114 cruisers possessed by Britain at the outbreak of the war did not prevent the immense loss inflicted by a few enemy raiders.—British Wireless Service.

### Japan's Attitude.

Viscount Ishii (Japan) expressed the opinion that one of the best ways of limiting armaments would be by agreeing to a drastic reduction in the number of 10,000 ton-cruisers. Thus there would be ten or less each for the United States and Britain and seven or less for Japan. Further means would be found for each nation to retain vessels in excess of allotted tonnage or past the replacement age under certain conditions in order to enable a nation to possess additional ships for specific purposes.—Reuter.

### American Hopes.

Mr. Hugh Gibson (United States) associated the Americans with Mr. Bridgeman and Viscount Ishii (Japan) in earnestly hoping that an acceptable agreement would be reached.  
"We feel now that there is no real obstacle to reaching early agreement among the three Powers in respect of the limitation of destroyers and submarines, and we feel we are in such close agreement with the Japan-

other at Aberdeen, the witness could see from the uniform that the driver of the other car was a police officer. The witness considered that if Chan took his foot off the brake at Repulse Bay there was danger of the car rolling backwards.  
The Magistrate reminded the witness that at the last hearing he had stated that Chan was in the act of reversing his gear when the Inspector came. His Worship asked if the car could roll back on its own why should Chan reverse his gear?  
Witness: That is Chan's business. He is the driver, not me.

## PAKKAI DOINGS.

MORE BANDIT RAIDS BY MILITARY.

GOOD RICE HARVEST.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkai, July 11.

Ku Tau Shan is naturally a sheltering place for bandits. The mountain range spreads to Hok-shan, San Wai, Toishan (Sunning), Yan Ping and Hoi Ping districts and near to the sea. This place has for some time been quiet, since it was swept by the troops of General Chan Cheung-po, who caught several well-known bandit chiefs such as Ip Lan-tao, Chan Chuk-sum, and Tam Ngan-ying, in that region.

According to reports by the villagers at the foot of the Ku Tau mountains, bandits have again come back to their old den, and many cases of robbery have been reported. Consequently, General Chu King-tong, the superior of Chan Cheung-po (Chan is vice-brigadier general) is again planning to carry out a chase.

Shui Tung (a port in Southern peninsula) junks are warned to take precaution when passing Gae-moon channel as black launches are again seen patrolling in that part of the delta.

Communists with bandit-troops over 1,000 strong planned to take Kau Kong on June 23, when the people and military authorities were engaged in celebrating the Shakti "massacre" anniversary. They were detected by the authorities and in consequence troops were sent to raid Sai Chiu and Tai Tung, their hiding place, before the attempt was carried out. Several were captured after a battle.

Junks suspended on account of the "Kong Ku" piracy are now running as usual. "Boycott Japanese goods" is now a chorus. Dry sea-merchants have voluntarily given up ordering Japanese sea meat.

Recent rumours that General Chu King-tong would be dismissed from his post as Commander of the 13th Division and be substituted by Chiang Kwong-nai from Shanghai are now known to be false.

The rice harvest is good this year, according to farmers' report. Anti-Japanese gatherings and demonstrations are carried out by people whenever opportunity allows.

The pirate chief, Chan Tok, will be taken back to Kongmoon from Canton to be shot shortly.

### MISSION TO RUSSIA.

New York, July 14.

A delegation of American labour leaders, accompanied by other experts, are going to Russia shortly to prepare a report on the reasons why the Soviet should be recognized by the United States. It is declared that Senator Borah has promised to consider their report.

Mr. William Green, President of the Federation of Labour, announcing the personnel of the mission, states that it does not represent the Federation. The mission is appealing to outside labour circles for subscriptions to defray the expenses.—Reuter's American Services.

### ese delegation in respect of the

total tonnage for limitation and the type of cruiser that we can easily find a basis for common agreement with them.

"If a basis can be found which will be mutually acceptable to the Japanese and British delegations I feel sure it will be possible for the American delegation to reach agreement with them."—Reuter.

### Question of Economy.

Mr. Gibson said that the Americans were ready to go below 450,000 tons to 550,000 tons in cruisers and destroyers suggested as a basis for discussion if this was agreeable to the other Powers.

He pointed out that no economy could be realised before 1931 in respect of capital ships.

The American delegation made it abundantly clear that the number of maximum sized cruisers would be dependent on the total tonnage agreed.

Mr. Gibson refuted a suggestion that 10,000 ton cruisers would be forced on the world by American insistence. He said that America did not begin to build such vessels till 1926, several years after the other navies had initiated their construction.

America would not complete until in 1929 a single vessel of this class and had no programme authorised or appropriated commensurate with the programmes nearing completion elsewhere.

The conference adjourned after Mr. Gibson's statement.—Reuter.

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